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Road from M4 to Five Mile Lane is back on agenda

THE possibility of a link road from the M4 to Cardiff Airport is firmly back on the agenda – and two alternative routes are set to be revealed next week by the Vale Council.

Plans were shelved about 10 years ago, on the grounds of cost. However, two things have changed recently.

First, the section of road from the A48 to the outskirts of Barry close to the airport is to be

upgraded – work is in the process of starting.

Second, the City Deal, which is being funded by the Welsh and UK governments, together with the local authorities in the areas, could have cash available to pay for the new road, which would link the M4 with the improved Five Mile Lane.

Two potential routes for a new road connecting the A48 with junction 34 of the M4 will be revealed on April 17 as part of a scheme that will also include a new rail station and park

and ride facility.

The routes will be published as part of the draft findings of a recent study undertaken on behalf of the Vale Council by an independent technical consultant, Arcadis Consulting (UK) Limited.

A public consultation will then begin during which comments on the report's findings and on each of the proposed routes will be sought from local residents and businesses, neighbouring local authorities, community councils, and other interested parties.

Members of the public will be able to view the plans and submit their comments online at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk and at two public consultation events:

- April 17, The Vale of Glamorgan Hotel, Trecastle Suite, Hensol Park, Hensol, CF72 8JY, 12pm to 7pm (drop in session).

- April 18 Cottrell Park Golf Club, the Marquee, St Nicholas, Wenvoe CF5 6SJ, 10am to 5pm (drop in session).

Following these two events the plans will be exhibited at council buildings.

The consultation period will close on 18 May 2018.

The Arcadis report represents the second stage of the Welsh transport appraisal guidance (WelTAG) process which is used by local authorities for the development and appraisal of proposals that would be funded by Welsh Government.

This second stage is centred on the creation of an outline business case for the new road, the findings of which will be included in the report.

A stage one report was agreed by the Vale Council in November 2017.

Choir heralds the new sheriff in town



Côr Heol y March become international champions again

IT was a busy and very successful March for Côr Heol y March, the prize-winning children's and youth choir based near Welsh St Donats.

Following a successful appearance on March 12 at the finals of the Barnardo's national choral competition and concert in the Festival Hall, London (the only Welsh choir selected to take part), the choir then continued to rehearse in preparation for the inaugural International Choral Festival Wales, held at the Wales Millennium

Centre, Cardiff over the Easter weekend.

Those preparations paid off, because not only did they win the afternoon 'Young Voices' competition with a gold award, but also the evening final competition 'Choir of Choirs' prize, the prestigious Sir Karl Jenkins Trophy (beautifully crafted by Glass by Design from Penarth) and a cheque for £2,000.

The final included two adult choirs and two other youth choirs, representing Wales, England, and South Africa.

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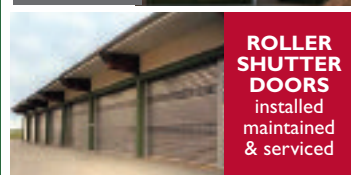
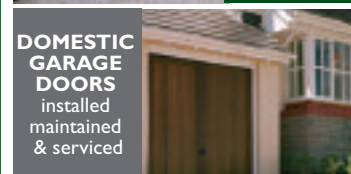
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'Please see gulls differently'

WITH reference to the letter regarding gulls in The GEM, gulls used to scavenge on their natural sources of shellfish and fish from trawlers, but over the last 30 years, they have moved inland in search of food as the trawlers become few and far between.

The gulls then discovered a plentiful supply of food from our refuse in towns and at landfill sites that we have created.

Since changing our habits to food waste collection and more sturdy waste bags, their food supply is not easy to come by.

Add to that, developments on land and fake grass introduction things are getting tough for all of our wild birds.

Even though gulls are considered a pest, the Hoopers (the writers of the letter) may be glad to know they are under threat.

Some gulls are on the RSPB and British Trust Ornithology's red list of birds and other are

declining.

They are very intelligent and how they steal food is a sure sign of this. They watch people and learn how to exploit food resources.

Humans created the throwaway society and the gulls are simply grabbing a free meal when they can.

Whether you mean to feed them or not, you will not rid them in a seaside town and to refer to those who feed them, or any wild bird for that matter, as they all defecate and make noise, as brainless, anti-social beings is absurd.

We are all responsible for the throwaway attitude we have created, including you.

We too are not without incidents of food stealing and being under siege at home during nesting season!

As for blaming gulls for the decline of your garden birds, construction projects have decimated the bird and bat population that were once in abundance. **T Abery, Barry**

A laughing gull?

AFTER reading Dianne Hooper's letter in last week's GEM, I felt compelled to reply as I live near them and found that being called an 'antisocial, brainless individual' insulting and derogatory.

We do have brains and, more importantly,

hearts. I honestly believe that if the entire population of seagulls were wiped out, they would find something else to complain about.

In reference to washing being defecated on, I have spoken to numerous neighbours who have never had a problem with hanging their washing out.

Maybe Mr Seagull is having the last laugh. **Louisa Williams, Barry**

CULL THE GULLS!

WHO regards seagulls as a protected species? Nobody that lives on the coast.

Personally, I would have a cull of these millions of birds. Who has protected them, I would like to know - and why?

I can only surmise that an inland idiot would have agreed to this law.

'Live where they are in abundance abide, nothing alas I have tried.'
Mrs M S Shead, Barry.

Readers' Letters

Please keep your letters BRIEF and address them to: **The Editor, at Glamorgan GEM Ltd, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL or email editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk**

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An email address alone is not sufficient!

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Time for some answers for our beautiful seaside town

IHAVE been following much of the correspondence in your newspaper relating to the power station now being commissioned on Woodham Road, and was especially touched by the video put together by a 10-year-old from Barry, showing the smoke and steam pouring out of this plant, as the owners

desperately tried to get it commissioned before the deadline date of April 1, so they didn't lose their generous government subsidy.

I have some direct questions which I would like to put to the three main parties involved in this enterprise, and the first is to Aviva Biomass.

(1) The question is: How much carbon dioxide will this plant be producing, and discharging through its 130 feet high chimney, on a daily, (or weekly basis), once it is running at full capacity?

I would like a straightforward answer, and think you should be able to supply it within two weeks.

(2) The second question is to NRW, and is related to my first question to Aviva Biomass. Assuming the answer, if and when it is provided, is in the region of 150 tonnes per day, which I am reliably informed is the approximate figure, how do you justify your statement to the press on February 15, which stated: "We are confident that the company, (ie Aviva Biomass), has all the right plans and processes in place to be able to operate this facility without damaging people's health or the environment".

The threat posed by excessive carbon dioxide in the environment, ie greenhouse gas, is one of the greatest threats to our world today, and of great concern to governments throughout the world, so please justify your statement.

(3) The third question is directed to Associated British Ports, who it is understood, own the land on which this power station has been built.

Bearing in mind your long association with the town of Barry, and the mutual benefits which have been brought to ABP and the town, including the construction of housing, supermarkets etc, why did you allow the construction of this power station to take place by Aviva Biomass, on land under your control, so close to existing housing etc?

You must be aware of the fact that this facility is extremely unpopular, and is opposed by the vast majority of the townspeople, and as a major landowner, you have a responsibility to the town to be seen to act in a responsible and considerate manner, and not ride roughshod over the wishes of the town.

Quite apart from anything else, this facility is directly upwind of the children's hospice at Ty Hafan.

Will you please justify your actions?
Name and address supplied

Approval of Severn Bridge's new name

I'M glad that the new name for the Severn Bridge crossing will include the word 'Wales' and also the proposed name is not party political.

Therefore, it is probably the best name that it could be given.
Name and address supplied.

'A skewed view of gulls'

IMUST respond to last week's diatribe against gulls by The Hoopers, for these birds are more sinned against than sinning.

Our insatiable greed has driven seagulls from the coast where their food source has disappeared. It is sobering to know that thousands of tons of sandeels are used to fertilise the ground. Who could ever imagine a more wicked and profligate use of a natural resource?

Gulls then moved to our rubbish tips, we used nets and other means to deter them. They then moved to our rooftops where they could find relative safety. Now we want them displaced or

to be rid of them altogether.

Badgers, among other species, are viewed simply an inconvenience, and the hedgehog is rapidly heading for extinction, and all reptiles are in dire straits.

Now our own future is in doubt because of our actions but we take no notice because, for the moment, our microcosm remains intact. There will be sticking plasters but humanity has serious difficulties.

Al Gore's *Inconvenient Truth* is upon us. When the rivers are empty, the forests have been cut down and the animals are gone, then you will know that you cannot eat money. **A Robson, Llantwit Major**

'Awkward gull menace could turn nasty'

AFTER the attack on a youngster in a pram by gulls looking for food, it can only be a matter of time before someone is seriously hurt.

Having been attacked myself because of a nest on my roof, the subsequent misery of them and their young and the influence on my neighbours, I cannot stress enough how dangerous these birds can be.

There is no simple answer, but a restriction on people feeding them and being more careful with waste food disposal would minimise the problem. **Mr K J Power, Barry.**

'Don't force Welsh down our throats'

WELSH is a beautiful language, and Welsh culture is precious and valuable.

The Welsh Language Commissioner, Meri Hughes, is pressing for compulsory Welsh language in all schools. This is a commendable idea, but we are now in a wide world where other languages and cultures are on our doorsteps and in our lives.

This is a time for worldwide education for our children, not inward looking, self indulgent teaching. We are

already behind other regions in the UK for educational achievement.

Do we really need to spend millions of pounds on the promotion of the Welsh language?

I do feel we have more pressing needs in both education and health for this sort of expenditure.

Do we really have to promote English/Welsh speaking mediocrity at the expense of English speaking talent?

I am happy to hear Welsh spoken, but I do not want it forced down my throat.

Mr W R Turner, Ystradowen.

What a team at the Vale Veterinary Centre!

IWANT to write to share my appreciation of the team at Vale Veterinary Centre in Barry. It is thanks to them we still have our Boxer dog, Gypsy.

On March 1, I shouted for Gypsy to come in as there was a terrible snowstorm. I could not believe my eyes when she walked to me, as she was blown up like a balloon and could hardly walk. I somehow managed to get her into my car and drove straight to Vale Vets in Barry.

As soon as vets Richard and Mario saw her, they carried her in and scanned her. In a short period of time, she had undergone a major

operation.

We managed to see her after the operation and wanted to take her home that night.

However, the snow was too bad and we could not travel, but the vets phoned to tell us not to worry as Richard was taking Gypsy home with him for the night. The following morning, he and Emily brought Gypsy home very early.

We cannot get over all the care and attention she received. The are all so caring, attentive, dedicated and sincere.

We cannot recommend them highly enough or thank them enough.

Gypsy is recovering well, thanks to everyone at Vale Vets. **Sue and Ron Davies, Vale of Glamorgan.**

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL APRIL 19)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
12 Thur	04.58	8.0	17.24	8.2
13 Fri	05.41	8.6	17.59	8.7
14 Sat	06.22	9.1	18.42	9.3
15 Sun	06.58	9.6	19.15	9.7
16 Mon	07.37	9.9	19.54	10.0
17 Tues	08.15	10.1	20.31	10.1
18 Wed	08.53	10.2	21.09	10.0
19 Thur	09.32	9.9	21.49	9.8

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Brian Lakin with wife Elizabeth, sons Edward and Stuart, and daughter-in-law Sian.

Cowbridge Male Voice Choir entertains Sheriff

COWBRIDGE Male Voice Choir were invited by the incoming Sheriff of South Glamorgan, Brian Lakin, to perform a selection of hymns and songs from their repertoire at the official ceremony.

The Office of High Sheriff dates back to the 10th century and is the oldest continuous secular office of state.

High Sheriffs are responsible, in Wales and England, for duties conferred by the crown, including attendance at Royal visits to the county, the well-being and protection of Her Majesty's High Court judges when on circuit in the county and attending them in court during the Legal Terms, acting as the returning officer for Parliamentary Election in the county constituencies, the Proclamation of the Accession of a new Sovereign and the

maintenance of the loyalty of subject of the crown.

The ceremony for the declaration of the High Sheriff of south Glamorgan took place in the National Museum of Wales in front of around 400 guests.

Following the ceremony, the High Sheriff invited the choir to join his guests at the reception and they entertained the High Sheriff's guests with a further selection of songs.

On the following Wednesday, the High Sheriff called into Holy Cross Church Cowbridge, where the choir were holding the weekly rehearsal, to thank the choir for their performance at the ceremony. Little did the High Sheriff realise that by doing so, he would be called upon to judge the choir's Easter bonnet competition.

After insisting that all the bonnets were shown in their full glory, he declared that the winner was Robert Parsons.



A slightly less formal occasion as Mr Lakin (pictured with Robert Parsons) judges the choir's Easter Bonnet competition.

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A few events fell victim to the snow, but March was still a busy month

MARCH started with the **Beast from the East** meeting **Storm Emma** and **depositing 55 cms of snow in the Vale**.

This resulted in a few events being postponed or cancelled. My consort Rob and I received a warm welcome at the Merched y Wawr St David's Day coffee morning held at Maes Melyn.

We were lucky to be invited to two events in the Bear Hotel – the Vale for Africa gala dinner dance on March 9 and the Cowbridge (Gateway) Monday Club 40th annual dinner on March 12.

The Vale for Africa event was very successful and raised over £5,000 to improve health and education in Tororo district in Uganda.

The Monday Club event was lead by the club chair person for the year, Mr Brett Shelley, and end of event closing thanks were delivered by Emily Morgan. I was

presented with a lovely bunch of flowers.

The musical entertainment for the evening was provided by The Vale Ukulele Band which involved a very enthusiastic sing-a-long, followed by some dancing.

Thank you to all involved, the loyal regular helpers, volunteer drivers and various funding bodies, including the town council, Rotary and the Llantwit Major with Cowbridge Lions. Best wishes for the next 40 years.

On March 13, Rob and I attended the Cardiff Council and Vale of Glamorgan Music Service spring showcase in St David's Hall, Cardiff, in the presence of the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Cllr Bob Derbyshire.

The event involved performances by the Senior Wind Band, CCVG Youth Choir, Transitional Orchestra, Symphonic Brass, Senior Guitar Ensemble, Fitzalan Steel Pans and the Primary School Massed Choir.

The variety and quality of the musical



by **COUN SIAN VAUGHN, THE MAYOR OF COWBRIDGE WITH LLANBLETHIAN**

entertainment was outstanding. More singing was required from the audience.

The Mayor of the Vale, Cllr Janice Charles held a Charity Dinner Dance on March 23 in Art Central Gallery in Barry which we attended. Dancing was to the local band 'The Flares' and fun was had in the 'Guest Who' photo booth. An auction and raffle raised money for the mayor's chosen charities.

On Easter Saturday, Rob and I were invited

to attend the new Specsavers shop in Cowbridge.

Prosecco and Easter cakes were available to the customers attending and an Easter Treasure Hunt around the shop had been organised for the children.

I was asked to judge a children's painting competition and chose a fine picture of an Easter bunny painted by Maisie. I was able to present her with her prize, a bucket of chocolate and painting goodies.

There was also a prize draw from the first 200 customers to win the cost of their spectacles and the lucky winner was local butcher James Nicholas.

Finally, on a sad note, I attended the funeral of ex-Cllr Mike Bassett on March 15 and will attend the funeral of ex-Mayor Graham Phillips on April 6. Condolences to both families.

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Pendoylan pupils perform Passion play



Côr Heol y March singing at the Wales Millennium Centre.

INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS AGAIN!

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Conductor Eleri Roberts said: "I'm so proud that the choir has won in a major international competition again! We have a lot of new young members in the choir, and it was a great experience for them and our established choristers, who have been faithful members for many years."

"Many thanks to our accompanists Ieuan Jones and Eleri Darkins, and the parents for their fantastic support, especially our hard working choir administrators, Emma Davies and Mary Jones."

The gold award.



The Year 6 class in Pendoylan School performed the events of Holy Week around the school. All the pupils were involved in planning the performance and writing the script.

The whole school followed the children as they acted out the Easter story around the school.

It was a very moving and memorable morning culminating in the crucifixion of Jesus and Resurrection which took place in St Cadoc's Church, Pendoylan.

MRS VAUGHAN,
HEADTEACHER

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Jesus (in robes) stands before Pontius Pilate.

Snake found in Pontyclun

A HONDURAN milk snake - now nicknamed Carlos - was found on a driveway in Pontyclun on March 13, and RSPCA Cymru has issued a reminder of the challenges involved in looking after exotic pets.

Anyone with information as to why the snake was found in Pontyclun is asked to contact the charity's inspectorate appeal line on 0300 123 8018. Calls are treated in



The Honduran milk snake can grow to around 5 foot in length. Non-venomous, it kills its prey by constriction.

Dudley.

Healed grazes and cuts were evident across the body of the snake, indicating that he may have been on the loose for some while before being discovered.

Staff at the Proteus Reptile Trust are "confident" that Carlos will make a full recovery and be made available for rehoming in the near future.

confidence.

The charity regularly deals with incidents concerning abandoned or escaped exotic pets, and says it is "vital" that owners understand what

is involved in providing them with appropriate care.

Carlos has now been taken on to a specialist facility - the Proteus Reptile Trust - in



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Local family's anguish over headstone

A LOCAL family say they were devastated when they found their father's headstone had been put on the wrong grave.

Michael Root's ashes were buried in the picturesque setting of the Church of St Curig at Porthkerry following a cremation.

Mr Root (61) had died at the Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth, following a two-year battle with cancer.

Late last year, the family sat down to agree on the wording for a headstone. They then approached local company CJ Ball & Son to supply the memorial.

On March 13, June Root, Mr Root's widow, who lives close to the cemetery in nearby Rhosee, received a call from the company.

Mr and Mrs Root's daughter Katie said: "They told her the headstone had been completed. My mother phoned me and my sister Gemma and we decided to go down as a family to the cemetery.

"When we arrived at the plot there was no headstone on it. We were standing there in disbelief."

The family wondered whether there had been some miscommunication. It occurred to them that 'completed' perhaps meant the headstone had been finished but not put in place.

Katie said: "I had my mobile phone on me and gave them a ring and said: 'We can't see the headstone'."

"The woman in the office said she had a photo of it and that it was next to a headstone with two hearts and she could see a green tarpaulin at the back of the

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picture. She was adamant it was in the right location."

The family looked round the cemetery and found Mr Root's headstone on someone else's grave.

Katie said: "We were in shock. I was crying my eyes out. My mum didn't know whether to laugh or cry!"

"When the woman from the company realised it was their mistake she was very apologetic and accepted it was a huge error. We were not able to speak to the director because he was 'on site'. The woman later phoned us back to say it would get sorted out."

Later that day Mrs Root was told the headstone had been put in position.

She was going from Rhosee to Barry to sing with the Tenovus choir and decided to pop into the cemetery on the way.

When she arrived, she could see a digger, two workmen and a foreman. The men were working with shovels on Mr Root's plot. The headstone was still not in its place.

Mrs Root decided to leave the workmen to complete the job and went on to the rehearsal.

The mistake seems to have taken place because of a mix-up over serial numbers. Each plot has a serial number with the prefix of 'A' for ones with ashes.

Mr Root's headstone had been wrongly located at

a plot with the same number, but without an A.

Katie sent an email expressing the family's anger that Mrs Root had arrived at the cemetery only to discover – once more – that the job hadn't been finished.

Simon Morgan of CJ Ball sent an email thanking the family for their understanding and explaining that the problems had been caused by "human error".

The company sent out flowers to Mrs Root, although the note called her Jane rather than June. It also sent a letter of apology, explaining that lessons had been learned, and offered three years free maintenance, although the family declined because they don't think it is necessary.

Katie said: "A lot of the hurt could have been avoided if we had had a phone call of apology from the boss on the day of the mix-up not an email 48 hours later. A phone call is much more personal than an email. If we had been called the matter could have been resolved there and then."

Mrs Root told The GEM that "a personal call would have made real difference".

Katie said if the family had lived a long way from the cemetery, it may have been some time until the error had been discovered.

Katie and Mrs Root added that they had chosen a local company because they thought they would know the layout of local cemeteries and how they

operated.

CJ Ball emphasised it regretted the incident, understood the family's distress and had taken urgent steps to remedy the situation.

A spokesperson explained: "CJ Ball has for almost a century served the community of the Vale and beyond and has an excellent reputation for very high-quality memorials and customer service."

"It is clear that this regrettable incident meant that we fell short of those exceptionally high standards and we fully empathise with the family and understand the upset that this must have caused."

"We acknowledged very quickly that an error had been made and we immediately took urgent action to rectify the situation as soon as it became apparent."

"Our manager, Mrs Day, rang and spoke a number of times to the family to apologise and to keep them fully updated on the situation."

"A thorough investigation was undertaken to determine how this issue arose. It was clearly a case of human error and the staff members involved were disciplined accordingly and steps have been taken to ensure that a similar situation doesn't happen again in the future."

"Immediately following this investigation, the managing director wrote to the family to again personally apologise, to pass on the sincere apologies from the staff members involved and to fully explain the circumstances of this regrettable human-error and to reassure them of the action taken."

Charter Trust meeting will showcase plans for town wall transformation



Old Hall Gardens volunteers celebrating their Green Flag award last year.



An aerial view of the cattle sheds (top right) that will be cleared to reveal the historic town walls, and make space for more town centre parking.



A digitally-realised image of the town walls when the project is complete.

now due. As a charitable organisation, the AGM is open to non-members as well as members. Anyone wishing to support the Trust can join for only £5 per person per year or give a donation. Pay at the meeting or log on to

our web site to pay online: www.cctrust.co.uk At the conclusion of the AGM, tea and light refreshments will be available. Members and guests can socialise with the trustees and ask any questions regarding the trust or its projects. HH

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Kayla with canine carer, Robyn.

KAYLA is a sensitive three-year-old Collie cross. She is a gentle dog who will look for lots of reassurance from her new owners. She is building up her confidence slowly and once in a home, she will show her true personality.

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her new environment.

She can live with children 14 years and over. Kayla is definitely one for the Collie fans.

For more information on Kayla, visit the Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre in Bridgend, CF31 4NG, call 01656 725219 or visit www.dogstrust.org.uk.

Cheese and wine evening for Marie Curie

A CHEESE and wine evening organised by the Cowbridge Fundraising Group for Marie Curie takes place on Friday, April 20 at 7pm in the Penny Farthing.

Tickets (£15) are available from The Penny Farthing, Cowbridge. The money raised will help Marie Curie provide care and support to local people living with terminal illnesses and their families at the Marie Curie Hospice in Penarth and with their Hospice at Home services throughout the Vale. CM

CAVRA helps out ultra distance runner



Emergency service personnel provided initial treatment and the woman was later taken to hospital in Cardiff.

THE local CAVRA April 7. (Civil Aid Voluntary Rescue Association team) helped a 54-year-old woman after she fell and sustained a suspected broken leg at Tresillian Bay near Llantwit Major on Saturday,

Llantwit Major Coastguard Rescue Team and the Ambulance Service also attended the incident.

The woman was taking part in the Vale Ultra Race from Penarth to Ogmore-by-Sea.

She was taken to the University Hospital of Wales for treatment.

THE Cowbridge Charter Trust will be holding its AGM on April 18 at 7:30 in the Lesser Hall.

Members and guests will be given a report and slide show on 12 month's work in the Old Hall Gardens (OHG) by one of the volunteers who were pleased to be awarded, yet again, the nationally recognised Green Flag Award.

Trustee Matt Jones will update everyone on the OHG Project which includes the removal of the cattle sheds and a revamp of the area.

Matt will explain the partnership arrangements on the project with the Vale Council, the possible increased funding from the Lottery Heritage Fund, the help from the Creative Rural Communities and by the time of the meeting, the trust may know the expected start and completion dates.

The trustees appreciate the support given by members and reminds them that their annual subscription is

WICK YFC WINS WITH STYLE

WICK achieved great success at Glamorgan County Field Day at Penllyn Estate on April 7.

Leading the way with first place in the senior fencing competition and winners of the Ashdown Fencing Ltd Shield were Evan Thomas, and Alex and Tom Edwards.

The boys had to erect a stock proof boundary fence with an adjoining stile at one end. Yet again this year, they have excelled for Wick, not only winning this competition with their expertise and precision, but also entertaining the spectators while doing so.

Our junior team consisting of Luke Holmes, Tom Naylor, and Rory Vizard came a very close third in the junior fencing competition in what was a highly competitive field, again erecting a stock-proof fence but with a join in the netting. This was the first time the boys had worked together, and they showed enormous promise for the future.

Success also came for the junior girls' team of Alisha Major and Hollie Jones in the Royal Welsh Show cookery competition, achieving a tightly-fought fourth place from a field of 10 entries. They were required to prepare a centenary dinner for two people using a camping stove in one hour.

The girls chose to



Alisha Major and Hollie Jones even made the bunting for their #RAF100 meal.

make Typhoon duck breast with bulgur, plums and plum sauce with de Havilland lemon cheesecake, on the theme celebrating the RAF's 100th year. The meal was served exquisitely on an RAF-themed display unit, which the girls decorated prior to the event. Thanks to Charlotte Thomas, club leader for her unending support throughout practices.

Dell Davies produced a beautiful floral display

for the Royal Welsh flower arranging competition, again on the RAF centenary theme. There was an exceptional standard of entries and Dell created a charming and artistic pendulum wreath in the style of the RAF roundel using red, white and blue from flowers of the season.

Alisha and Hollie also competed in the *Fferm Factor* event, which was a mystery competition in agricultural-related tasks.

Hollie demonstrated the use of a claw hammer while under a timed restraint, using as

few hits as possible. Alisha had to identify various farm fodder from mystery sacks. This was followed by an agricultural quiz, which the girls had great fun completing.

Isobel Thomas, Victoria Powell, Tom Edwards and Hollie Jones made up Wick's team for YFC Live, with Hollie demonstrating the art of skipping.

Tom Edwards gave a hilarious commentary of Hollie's demonstration and once again thoroughly captivated those watching with his priceless off-the-cuff remarks.

The weather was very kind and even managed some sunshine. It was a pleasure to see the great camaraderie between the competing YFC clubs with excellent organisation again from the county officers yet again.

YFC offers a varied programme, the skills learned and friends made will stay with you for life.

For more information on joining Wick YFC, visit www.wickyfc.com or follow us on facebook, instagram or twitter.

Alisha Major
Wick YFC



Bags of stile from Evan Thomas and Alex and Tom Edwards.



En garde! A creditable third place for Luke Holmes, Tom Naylor, and Rory Vizard in the junior fencing competition.

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WI secretary provides a versatile report

AT the annual meeting of Colwinston and Llyswoerney WI, Liz Stone was voted unanimously as president for the coming year.

The resolution will go forward to June's National Federation meeting in Cardiff.

Judith Lucas, WI advisor, congratulated the committee and all the members on the strong community spirit shown by the WI.

Sue Gatis, treasurer, gave the financial report and secretary Julie Lloyd gave her report of the year in verse.

The group has had a very good year with several new members joining and everyone is looking forward to another year of and friendship and to welcoming more new members and visitors.

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'HIGHLAND TIGERS' AT COWBRIDGE U3A

COWBRIDGE U3A Natural History group was fortunate recently to welcome back Alicia Leow-Dyke, who travelled all the way from Llandrindod Wells to give an illustrated presentation entitled 'The Story of Wildcats in Britain'.

Before her appointment as the Welsh Beaver Project Officer, Alicia had been involved in a captive wildcat breeding programme in the Scottish Highlands and this formed the basis of her talk.

The Scottish wildcat (colloquially known as

the Highlands Tiger) is a dark coloured subspecies of the European wildcat, native to Scotland. Its range previously also included England and Wales, but it became extinct in these areas, as well as in southern Scotland, within the last 150-200 years.

The reasons for the population decline include loss of habitat, as commercial forestry offers little in the way of prey and den sites, management by gamekeepers (pheasants and grouse are on their menu, along with mice, rats, voles, rabbits and carrion), road kills, and hybridisation through interbreeding with feral domestic cats (who can then also transmit diseases to the wildcat). Wildcats are, in

general, slightly larger than domestic cats and they don't purr, but make a screechy sound.

Unlike their domestic cousins, wildcats only breed once a year, producing a litter of one to three kittens. This feline species is reputedly untameable.

There is estimated to be a population of 400-1,000 wildcats in the Highlands, but, as a result of the interbreeding, fewer than 100 genetically pure animals may exist.

Alicia described some of the methods of distinguishing between domestic cats, hybrids and wildcats. Genetic testing is one method, while the robustness of the skull and the length of the intestines are useful in post mortems, but for quick field identification it is the tail that holds the clue; wildcats have a broad, blunt tail with a black tip, no rump spots and the dorsal stripe stops at the base of the tail.

The Aigas Field Centre near Inverness started a captive breeding programme in 2001, initially with a single breeding pair of wildcats. The aim was to raise wildcats and eventually release them into the wild.

The natural behavi-

our of the young was to hunt (something also seen in domestic cats), so there was no need to train them to do so, unlike the experience with larger feline species, such as lions.

Other centres are now involved in the breeding programme; there are currently 50 males and 30 females in captivity, all at least 75 per cent genetically pure wildcat.

To reduce the hybridisation risks, responsible cat ownership is being promoted and farm cats are being neutered and vaccinated. Gamekeepers are being taught how to differentiate between feral domestic cats and wildcats.

At present, no wildcats have been released into the wild, but surveys are being undertaken to identify suitable sites where they can be set free safely.

The wildcat is traditionally an icon of Scottish wilderness, but the species is under serious threat of extinction; one can only hope that the breeding programme eventually makes a positive impact on numbers.

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Mayor's coffee morning raises funds for charity



Joining the mayor at the coffee morning was Wing Commander Steve Rowley from MoD St Athan. (Photograph by Mike Wilcock).

THE Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Siân Vaughan and her consort, Rob, hosted their regular monthly coffee morning in aid of Cancer Research Wales in the Mayor's parlour on Saturday, April 7.

Wing Commander Steve Rowley from MoD St Athan attended the event and was pleased to visit Cowbridge Museum, as it had a special RAF-themed exhibition to celebrate 100 years of the RAF.

A raffle was held and prizes were donated by friends, family and L'Oreal. A grand total of £191 was raised for Cancer Research Wales.

The next coffee morning is on Saturday, May 5 from 10.30am to 12 noon; all welcome.

The mayor is also hosting a charity ball on Friday, May 11 in the Bear Hotel. Tickets (£35 each) and further information available on 01446 773385 or 01446 775452.

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

Ensuring our services get the best levels of funding

THE snow in the Vale came and went – with a great deal of travel disruption along the way – but many readers of this column will have noticed the impact it has had on the quality of road surfaces around Barry and the Vale.

My postbag receives regular correspondence from all parts of the Vale highlighting damage to roads and pointing to potholes that have formed after a period of the particularly severe weather we experienced a little over a month ago.

It is a challenge for the Vale Council in terms of resource – simply getting around to filling the holes – which I have often heard described as like painting the Forth Bridge.

The financial impact on local authority budgets is also a major issue, but the problem is not unique to the Vale.

As I travel through Wales I can see, and sometimes feel, the strain it puts on local authorities funding as they work hard to ensure our major and minor roads are passable and useable – no matter what the weather and traffic does to our tarmac arteries up and down the country.

It is not just the damage to our roads, but a pothole is capable of causing considerable



Vale MP Alun Cairns
Secretary of State for Wales reports to GEM readers

damage to vehicles of all shapes and sizes – from a pushbike to a lorry, the damage can be extensive and expensive.

The compensation bills for many authorities can be a further drain on resources, notwithstanding the stress it causes for the owner of a vehicle.

Local authority funding is a topical issue – with the latest council tax bills arriving on our doormats – but how the Vale Council is funded matters to us

all.

At the end of 2016, I signed a new deal with the Welsh Government confirming that for every £100 spent in England, around £120 will be spent in Wales over the long term.

This was a very significant announcement after many calls were made for well over a decade for a needs-based settlement and a longer term funding floor.

I am pleased that this settlement is now firmly in place as it means that the Welsh Government, recognised by Gerry Holtham, has a very fair funding settlement for the long term.

What this also means is that the Welsh Government in Cardiff Bay can choose to ensure that local authorities like the Vale Council has the appropriate level of funding it needs to not only provide the things we expect our local council to deliver – but provide the funding to make sure our roads are kept in good condition no matter what challenges snow in March can bring.

Please do highlight any issues on your local roads after the snow with the Vale of Glamorgan Council at thebigfill@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk and I would like to pay particular credit to the work that all the teams at the Vale Council do to keep our roads in good repair.

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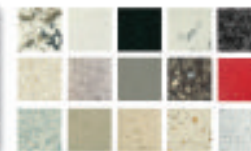
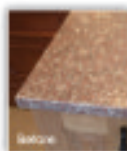
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Final missing names are sought for Barry's World War One Roll of Honour Book

FOLLOWING his recent plea for information on some of the names listed on Barry's Roll of Honour for World War One, local historian Dr Jonathan Hicks has been provided with assistance by relatives of the fallen.

"There was a great response to my request of a fortnight ago from GEM readers. Thanks to the people who contacted me, I have been able to add more information to the Roll of Honour book that I am compiling for the Royal British Legion in preparation for the centenary event at Barry Memorial Hall on Saturday, September 22. "More stories of the sacrifice made by local men during the Great

War have come to light and the book has now been updated."

Some names on the Roll of Honour in Barry Memorial Hall still remain a mystery though, and Dr Hicks is appealing for anyone who has information on who these men were to contact him so that their details can be included in the Book of Remembrance which will be the centrepiece of this memorable event to commemorate the centenary of the First World War.

"This book will contain information on all the local men who laid down their lives for their country as a result of the Great War of 1914-1918, so any information that readers can provide would be most welcome. This promises to be a remarkable evening where we all gather to

pay tribute to the local casualties of World War One, and it is important that each man has his place of honour."

The names are: G. W. Adams; D. Bevis; A. Bolton; E. Bowden; P. Bryant; R. Bryant; G. F. Butler; R. Callaghan; E. W. Cochrane; R. C. Cooper; W. H. Cose; A. J. Daniels; H. E. Davies; W. M. Davies; D. J. Doleman; A. H. Donoghue; A. C. Elston; J. Falconer; T. N. Hannon; W. J. Harris; F. Hassell; Arthur Hurn; I. B. James; W. S. Jeffries; B. W. John; B. Johnson; C. Johnson; G. A. Lewis; D. C. F. Morgan; A. G. Morris; H. Nicholls; E. O'Callaghan; A. C. Osborne; H. C. Osborne; J. Parry; D. J. Passmore; A. Reece; H. S. Rees; W. Reeves; D. I. Roberts; H. Rogers; W. Short; C. G. Smith; C. G. Stephens; C. W. Thomas; P. E. Thomas; R. Thomas; T. J. Thomas; G. W. Thompson; S. C. Turner; G. J. Whitchurch; A. Williams; W. G. Williams; W. Willis; J. Wolfe.

If you are able to identify any of the men listed above, email Dr Hicks at ninian27@btinternet.com or call him on 07708 255295.



Jonathan Hicks and the Barry Roll of Honour.

Mike's train videos are a YouTube hit

LOCAL rail enthusiast and photographer Mike Wilcock continues to get a huge response to his films on YouTube.

Mike's film of Her Majesty The Queen arriving on the royal train in Cardiff in 2016 has now notched up 75,000 hits.

The film shows the train and The Queen with other members of the royal party being greeted on the platform.

Mike's channel on the video-sharing site has dozens of films taken on railways across Britain, often capturing historic moments.

To watch the films, go to YouTube and search for Mike Wilcock.

Churches asked to remember seafarers on Sea Sunday

THE world's oldest maritime welfare charity is asking churches in Glamorgan to remember the world's seafarers in a special service.

Congregations around the world will take part in Sea Sunday services on July 8 in aid of Sailors' Society.

Each year the Christian charity, which celebrated its bicentenary on March 18, asks churchgoers to pray and give thanks for the world's 1.6 million seafarers.

Stuart Rivers, Sailors' Society's CEO, said: "Whether they know it or not, the people of Glamorgan rely upon seafarers."

"More than 90 per cent of everything we own comes by sea: our clothes, phones, cars, even the bricks that make up our homes."

"All of these goods are brought into the country by seafarers who risk extreme loneliness, dangerous storms

and even piracy.

"Holding a Sea Sunday service for Sailors' Society is a fantastic way of recognising the amazing work seafarers do."

Sailors' Society aims to transform the lives of seafarers and their families at home, in port and at sea through the delivery of chaplaincy, education and the relief of poverty and distress.

The charity works internationally to provide practical, emotional and spiritual welfare support to the world's 1.6m seafarers, regardless of background or faith.

Sailors' Society chaplains and ship visitors have a presence in 91 global ports, with wider projects and services covering 29 countries. For more information visit www.sailors-society.org.

The charity has created a variety of resources for churches, which it has made available free to download at www.seasundayhero.org. **JL**

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Bowel health:

Diarrhoea, bloating, abdominal pain

The truth about chronic bowel issues

Diarrhoea, bloating, or abdominal pain can determine the course of the day – many people know this all too well. We explain what the problem behind chronic bowel issues could be and what can help.

Our bowel is a true miracle: Over its roughly 18 feet of length, it breaks our food down into vital components such as vitamins, enzymes, and trace elements. In 75 years, the largest organ in our body processes about 30 tonnes of food – the weight of approximately 25 cars. Despite its enormous capacity the bowel is extremely sensitive – and it can cause us many discomforts. For many people problems such as diarrhoea, bloating, flatulence, and abdominal pain are part of their daily life. The truth is: the cause of many of these problems can be an irritated bowel! The problem: Our modern lifestyle encourages an irritated bowel. Lack of exercise, an unbalanced diet, stress, and anxiety are risk factors, which are hard to avoid in today's daily life. Recurrent bowel issues can also have a different cause, so it's recommended to consult a physician.



This is how bowel issues arise

But what exactly lies at the base of these typical bowel issues (also known as Irritated Bowel Syndrome)? Many experts are increasingly convinced that Irritated Bowel Syndrome may be caused by small injuries to the intestinal barrier. These might allow pollutants and pathogens to enter the intestinal wall, causing the typical symptoms of an irritated bowel such as diarrhoea, bloating, flatulence, and abdominal

pain. Under the guidance of the renowned researcher Professor S. Guglielmetti, scientists of the University of Milan have found an answer to what is effective against bowel problems: The unique bacterial strain B. bifidum MIMB75 (exclusively available in Kijimea IBS).

Effective help: scientifically shown

Experts found that the bacterial strain that is contained in Kijimea IBS directly attaches itself to the intestinal wall, like a plaster. This protects the bowel, allowing it to heal. A clinical study has shown that the bacterial strain that is included in Kijimea reduced most bowel issues in people suffering from an irritated bowel. In some cases, the irritated bowel even disappeared. Even more: the quality of life of most affected people improved significantly during the study. So far, no other product has shown such promising scientific results. Kijimea IBS is available over the pharmacist counter. It is prescription-free and has no known side effects.

The 3 most common questions about bowel problems!

We give the answers:

? What causes recurrent bowel problems?
Diarrhoea, bloating, flatulence, or abdominal pain: the cause often is a damaged intestinal barrier. This allows toxins and pathogens to enter the intestinal wall – as more and more scientists believe.

? What can be done against recurrent bowel problems?
Scientists at the University of Milan found a bacterial strain that can offer effective help: the unique B. bifidum MIMB75 strain (included in Kijimea IBS), which attaches itself to the intestinal wall, like a plaster – protecting it from damage.

? What does science have to say about Kijimea IBS?
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WELSH LIVERY COMPANY'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY APPEAL

TO MARK the 25th anniversary of the Welsh Livery Company, a £100,000 Silver Jubilee Fundraising Appeal has been launched to increase the number of awards the Company can

give to the young people of Wales.

The appeal was launched at a lunchtime event at Atlantic College on Sunday (March 18) where the Master of the Company, Professor Gillian Davies DL, invited Founder Master, Captain Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards to

describe the history of the work of the company, the building up of the Charitable Trust and the company's work to date.

During the event, Professor Gillian Davies also presented two £400 awards to Atlantic College students, Joshua McCarthy and Eve Sharples, to help support the community projects they are undertaking as part of their International Baccalaureate course.

Joshua McCarthy, (17), from Bargoed won his award for an initiative to create a garden to support the children with autism at St Illtyd's Primary School in Llantwit Major.

Joshua said: "We have cleared an area to create a 'safe and calm' space and are awaiting equipment to finish off the project."

Speaking about the Silver Jubilee fundraising appeal, the Master of the Company, Professor Gillian Davies, said: "We are delighted to be able to mark a significant anniversary with the Silver Jubilee Appeal."

"Our aim is to assist in the development of skills and associated professional activities of our young people in Wales, so I am very pleased to launch the appeal and give back to the community."

In addition to the

launch of the appeal and the awards presentation, Mr Hugh Thomas explained his plans for raising new funds from Liverymen, companies, trusts and institutions in Wales to enable the Livery Company to expand the number of scholarships they are able to give annually.

The Worshipful Livery Company of Wales gives out approximately £40,000 a year in awards to Welsh apprentices, undergraduates and graduates in the form of travel scholarships and prizes to help them develop their education and to support them in personal projects.

With Music in Mind closes conference

BARRY and Cowbridge 'With Music In Mind' groups were delighted to be invited to close the 2018 annual meeting of the 'Involving People Network' on March 21 at Cardiff City Stadium.

Around 40 members took part in the afternoon session and they listened to talks about involving the public in various research projects.

They heard Dr Sarah Miles discuss 'From Research to Practice' on her research in gerontology and the research of Kate Whitestone in physiotherapy led to the formation of the successful singing and social

groups.

Hazel Coates, a member of the Cowbridge group, went on to talk about the benefits of attending With Music In Mind.

Following Hazel's talk, the group of 40 sang three songs and the audience joined in with the Welsh National anthem. Group member Pat Payne played the piano for the singers.

The conference finale was met with rapturous applause, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

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PACT meetings in the Vale

WHY not come along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' which is held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon?

Buttrills PACT will be held at Barry Town Council Offices on Thursday, April 12 at 6.30pm.

Penarth police officers will be holding a surgery at Penarth Library on Thursday, April 12 between 5.30pm and 6.30pm.

You can also meet your local officers at Penarth Police Station on

Thursday, April 19 between 4.30pm and 5.30pm.

Officers in Llantwit Major will be holding a police surgery at Llantwit Major library on Thursday, April 12 between 10.30am and 11.30am.

There will be a 'coffee and chat' held by PCSO Angela Stone at the Star Inn, Treos on Tuesday, April 17 at 11am.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto: www.south-wales.police.uk where you will find contact details for your local PCSO and can contact them directly for non emergency matters.

New Welsh homework club is launched

CLWB Ni (Our Club) is a new homework club for families of children in Welsh schools in partnership with Urdd, Menter Bro Morgannwg and Mudiad Meithrin.

Learn Welsh the Vale (part of Vale of Glamorgan Adult Community Learning) received a grant from the National Centre for Learning Welsh to develop and pilot the new club.

Children and parents/carers will have the opportunity to learn together, to receive support with literacy, numeracy and digital skills, advice and help with homework tasks, Welsh language skills and an opportunity to use Welsh outside the school environment.

There will be a weekly timetable of

games, sports and activities providing lots of fun!

Learn Welsh the Vale will co-ordinate the project, with support from Menter Bro Morgannwg with staffing and promotion, Mudiad Meithrin with creche provision, Vale of Glamorgan Adult Community Learning with basic skills tutors and Urdd with activities for young people and children through the medium of Welsh.

CLWB Ni will run on Tuesdays after school between 4-6pm at Palmerston Centre, Barry from April 17 to July 10 (except half term).

The club will run on a drop-in basis and is free!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

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digital skills.*

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'Road to recycling plant unsafe' claims resident



Resembling water-filled craters on the Moon, Mr Drury took this image of the road a few days ago.

A VALE resident has said that a road surface leading to the recycling centre at Llandow, which is full of potholes, is unsafe and in need of urgent attention.

The Vale Council told The GEM the road is

the responsibility of the landowner and that it has made repeated efforts to resolve the problem.

Alan Drury told The GEM that when he put images of the road on a social media site, he had 'dozens of responses' from people who shared his view that the state of the road was

"unacceptable".

He explained: "Bearing in mind that this is a road leading to a public service site and is constantly in use, surely this cannot be deemed as acceptable or safe?"

"The whole length of the road is covered in major potholes which are partly disguised (in

the image) due to being full of rainwater.

"The road requires urgent attention to prevent serious damage to vehicles or even members of the public."

"The land is privately owned and the council pay a lease fee and maintenance fee for the area. It is clearly not being maintained and as it is dangerous access to a public facility they need to enforce action on the landowners to force the repair legally."

Mr Drury added: "The council state that they cannot spend the public purse on a road that does not belong to them, but yet they are happy to spend it on a maintenance fee for an area – and access to it – that is not being maintained. Something needs to be done as this cannot continue."

A Vale Council spokesperson said it would be speaking again to the landowner to get the work done.

"The council agrees that the road in question is in a substandard condition and we have been trying to resolve this issue for a number of years."

"But the land through which it runs is privately owned and it is the responsibility of the landowner to maintain it."

"We are one of several tenants on the industrial estate accessed by the road and pay the landowner rent towards the estate's upkeep."

"Given the situation, spending money on improving the road would be an unfair use of public funds."

"However, we will continue to make representations to the landowner in an effort to get the necessary work done."



The Mayor, Cllr Siân Vaughan, with her Consort, Rob Vaughan, and Madeline and Colin Phillips.

MEMORY JAR CAFÉ'S FIRST ANNIVERSARY

NO jelly, no rabbit-shaped blancmange with sultanas for eyes, not even tinned peaches with evaporated milk, but still a party to remember.

Balloons and games, and lots of fun and laughter – all topped off with sumptuous chocolate cake! A suitable celebration for such a milestone in what has rapidly become an important part of Cowbridge life.

The Memory Jar Café started 12 months ago, opening its doors in April 2017. It met once a month initially, starting in a small room in Noah's Place of the United Free Church but it soon outgrew the space available, moving to the large Maendy Room at the Free Church and meeting twice a month.

The café has continued to grow, with new faces appearing regularly. All the evidence is that it is meeting its aims of providing a space where people living with dementia can meet other people to talk, reminisce and relax, and, if

requested, be put in touch with professional support.

So, on April 3, the café celebrated its first birthday. As with the normal fortnightly sessions, this was no sombre or sedate affair. Madeline Phillips, founder of the Memory Jar, often comments that, whatever the demands of running such a lively enterprise, "above all we have fun".

On this day, pinning the tail on the donkey, balloon swatting, magnetic fishing, table skittles, bagatelle, throwing mice into a giant cheese all helped the party atmosphere.

Then, memories of Saturday morning cinema were stirred by the antics of Laurel and Hardy, before the afternoon finished with the obligatory singalong, which is loved by all – and in the middle of it all, that gorgeous chocolate cake!

The café customers were delighted to welcome the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Cllr Siân Vaughan, with her consort, Rob. They were

accompanied by the Mayor-elect, Cllr Terry Williams, and his wife, Jane.

Their visit was further proof of the strong support evident in Cowbridge for what is happening at the Memory Jar.

Thanks were also expressed for the help the café receives from local businesses that supply cakes, from Rotary, the Town Council, local churches and Dementia Friendly Cowbridge.

All this is underpinned by a loyal and dedicated band of helpers, and this support helps to ensure that those who come to the Memory Jar can continue to 'have fun' for years to come!

The Memory Jar Café runs all the year round on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, the next meeting is on Tuesday, April 17, 2pm-4pm.

If you would like to know more about the Memory Jar, or someone who might benefit from attending, or would like to support its work, please contact Madeline on 01446 621838.

Spring musical evening

A MUSICAL evening takes place at Llansannor Community Hall on Friday, April 27 featuring Cor Meibion y Machlud and soloists, including harpist Megan Morris.

The concert begins at 7.30pm and tickets are £10, to include light refreshments.

Licensed bar and raffle on the evening. Tickets from Scilla Williams on 772590 or Chris Howard on 775640.



ABOVE: Megan Morris.

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Out & About with The GEM

Film night returns to All Saints

THE April screening from All Saints Community Cinema in Penarth will be *Victoria & Abdul* on Thursday, April 19, at All Saints Lesser Hall. Doors open at 7pm and the film starts at 7.30pm.

The film stars Dame Judi Dench, Ali Fazal, Eddie Izzard, Tim Piggott-Smith, Michael Gambon and Simon Callow, plus a host of others.

Abdul Karim arrives from India for Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. The young clerk is surprised to find favour with the Queen herself.

As Victoria questions

the constrictions of her long-held position, the two forge an unlikely and devoted alliance that her household and inner circle try to destroy.

As their friendship deepens, the Queen begins to see a changing world through new eyes, joyfully reclaiming her humanity.

Tickets £7.50 to include glass wine/soft drink on arrival, film, themed snacks at interval. A licensed bar is available.

To reserve tickets, email: allsaints.cinema@btinternet.com or call Jane on 029 2070 8088 oor 07966882459.

What's on and where

Penarth Local History Society RON POWELL will be giving a talk on 'Return to Ascension Island' on Thursday, April 12 at 7.30pm in All Saints Lesser Hall, Penarth. Everyone is welcome to attend; admission is £2 for non-members.

Councillor's surgery CADOXTON councillor Rachel Nugent-Finn is holding a surgery for local residents on Saturday, April 14, from 10.30am until 12.30pm at Waitrose, Barry, in the coffee shop.

Dinas Powys Cinema ON Saturday, April 14, Dinas Powys Community Cinema is screening *Murder on the Orient Express* (12A, 1hr 54 min).

This adaptation of the Agatha Christie classic is directed by Kenneth Branagh, who also stars as Hercule Poirot. The cast also includes Johnny Depp, Judi Dench and Penelope Cruz.

The volunteer-run cinema can be found at the Murchfield Community Centre, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys CF64 4QQ. There is a licensed bar, as well as ice cream and tea and coffee for sale.

Doors open 6.30pm for a 7pm start, all tickets are £4.50, available on the door, in advance from the DPVC office at the rear of the Community Centre (weekday mornings) or online: www.ticketline.co.uk/murchfieldcommunitycentre.

Diabetes group meeting

THE next meeting of the Vale of Glamorgan Diabetes UK Voluntary Group will be on Tuesday, April 17 in the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth at 7.30pm-9pm.

The speaker is Sharon Owen from the Welsh Hearts charity and she will be speaking about the charity and CPR and defibrillator training.

Valeways walks ON April 18 at

10.30am, the Barry Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the Bridge Cafe car park, Cold Knap, Barry.

At 2.30pm, the Cowbridge Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the Physic Garden fountain, Cowbridge.

Neighbourhood Watch

THE next meeting of the Neighbourhood Watch incorporating Pentre Meyrick, Craig Penllin and Penllin will be held at The Red Fox Inn, Penllin, on Wednesday, April 18 at 11am; all residents are welcome.

Local support officer PCSO Sian Roberts will be attending.

Flatholm Society talk

THE Flatholm Society is hosting a talk on St Donats Castle and Atlantic College by Steve and Sue Pells. At the Kynin Beach Road, Penarth, CF64 1JX on April 19 at 7pm. The Society asks for a donation of £2-3 to cover costs. There will be a raffle and refreshments.

For more information, contact Peter Sampson at pb.sampson@ntlworld.com

Art exhibition

AN ART exhibition by Vale art students entitled 'Visual Perspectives', is currently being held in the 'pop up' shop area of The Old Hall, Cowbridge and runs until April 22. **Pensioners' Club** LOOKING for something to do on a Monday afternoon and have fun and make friends?

Why not come along to Pioneer Hall Pensioners' Club in Beryl Road, Barry from 1.30pm to 4pm? Fun events include bingo with cash prizes; weekly subs, first week free.

Contact P Canty on 01446 408105 for further information, or just come along.

CHARITY CONCERT TO BE 'ANNUAL EVENT'

A VALE for Africa concert takes place at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church Hall, Lower Trinity Street, Barry, on April 19, at 7.45pm.

Barry Male Voice Choir and soloists are lined up to perform.

Organiser Godfrey Knight said: "The great thing about doing this with Vale for Africa is that I've got extra help."

"I hope that this event will beat the £300 I raised with my last event for the charity. I also intend to make it an annual event."

"The charity is not government funded and doctors and optometrists who go to Africa pay their own expenses."

Contact Godfrey for tickets on 01446 749727 or pay on the door on the night.

Get on board the Real Ale Trail

A NEW event called the Real Ale Trail, which transports hundreds of ale lovers straight to the doors of 10 rural pubs arrives in Cardiff and the Vale on Saturday, April 21 for its first event in the area.

If you fancy a beer with friends, sampling ales from rural pubs presents ale fans with a major problem: who's going to do the driving? Not to worry the award-winning Real Ale Trail takes you by bus from the city into the Vale's quirkiest pubs for you to sample over 50 of the local ales, without the worry of driving.

The 'RAT' shuttle buses arrives every 30-45 minutes and circulates the route all day.

Festival goers take a trip through the lanes of glorious countryside and off the beaten track to reach some of the best pubs in the Vale selected for their hospitality, rural location and selection of ales. All that is expected of you is to organise your friends, get yourself a ticket from the participating pubs and sit back and enjoy the day.

The 10 participating pubs will be offering a massive range of Real Ale from local breweries and further afield. The Hopbunker will be rotating 40 ales throughout the day with names such as Hopcraft Brewing, Pixie Spring Water, Warn and Grey Trees and 5 exclusive Real Ales to the event. If ale isn't your thing there's traditional ciders will be available in the Hare and Hounds

and even a mojito bar at 1 Town Hall Square. If you're staying for the whole day and why wouldn't you finding good food won't be a problem either as many of the pubs specialise in a high standard of food.

People are coming from as far as Canada, Hampshire and Birmingham to experience proper Welsh pubs and ales from the local microbrewery, which is usually only regularly available in local pubs.

Tickets cost £15, and gets you unlimited travel all day long, so enjoy a day of quaffing local ales, sampling the food and entertainment. Tickets are available online at www.realaletrail.co.uk, and at all participating pubs.

This is a 24-years-of-age and over event. AS

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Any 10 windows	£5,490	£62.88	£6,490	£74.33
Any 11 windows	£6,039	£69.16	£7,139	£81.76
Any 12 windows	£6,588	£75.45	£7,788	£89.19
Any 13 windows	£7,137	£81.74	£8,437	£96.63
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'Silence is golden' – A QUIET PLACE IS 'THE BEST FILM OF THE YEAR SO FAR' says GEM reviewer

YOU may know John Krasinski as one of the stars of the American version of *The Office*; you may know him from starring opposite George Clooney in *Leatherheads*; or you may know him

from being married to Emily Blunt.

However, it's likely you're going to get to know him far better after the release of his second film as a director, *A Quiet Place*.

Pulling double duty (and obviously some favours) Krasinski and Blunt play Lee and Evelyn Abbott, who along with their

children, live in complete silence for fear of being hunted and killed by creatures who hunt by sound. Battling to survive every day, the pair struggle to keep their family unit together in the face of difficult odds...

There are very few films that can grab hold of you from the opening frames and then never let up their grasp throughout the entire film.

A Quiet Place is one of those films, a film that is certainly more than capable of delivering chills and scares, but one that is also a paean to the importance of family and sticking together through adversity – put simply, it's perhaps the best film that you will have this far in 2018.

The set-up is overwhelmingly simple – the struggle to survive in a world where creatures of an unknown origin can hunt by sound only, thus creating the need to be as quiet as possible as you go about your day-to-day affairs.

However, it's this disarmingly simple premise that John Krasinski, Bryan Woods and Scott Beck turn into a gloriously tense and thrilling story of survival, yet one that

never loses sight of the humanity of the characters.

There are rich pickings from the characters, not your usual stand-and-stuff horror movie disposables. At least half of the family are suffering from a form of survivor's guilt over an incident that occurs in the opening sequence, Evelyn is pregnant and ready to pop at any time, their son Marcus (Noah Jupe) is in (understandable) fear of his and his family's life and their daughter Regan (Millicent Simmonds) is deaf, with Lee trying to find a way to help her hear.

The performances across the board are exceptional, hanging wholly on the family themselves and their dynamic. To sketch such wonderfully detailed relationships with such little dialogue is an exceptional thing indeed, and somehow all of the characters feel explored and well-drawn.

The heft is carried across all of the characters, Krasinski's Lee trying his best to keep his family safe, Blunt's Evelyn feeling the concern of bringing a new life into a world that seems to be on the verge of breaking down



by
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at any moment, while the performances of both Jupe and Simmonds are excellent, caught between trying to be

children and being mature enough to be capable of surviving in this scary world.

Krasinski's direction nails the tone of the film incredibly well – the inherent creepiness of the creatures themselves puts you on edge, but he ramps up the tension with a sure hand, and the jumps and scares are incredibly well constructed.

With most horrors, you get the sense of where the scare is going to come, but Krasinski's direction and the sublime sound editing (including a clever use of perspective that means the audio is muffled when we see Regan on screen) means you're always on your toes throughout.

But what's most

impressive is that below the obvious vicarious thrill of the film, what you have got is a film all about parenting, about keeping the family unit intact no matter what.

There are scenes that will leave you shocked as survival overrules care, where you have to choose between family members to give you the best hope of survival. It's these elements that are the real horror, the hard decisions and lessons being learned all too real on a human level.

It's also what puts *A Quiet Place* a cut above being a genre film – it's too cleverly orchestrated, too smart and intelligently composed to be just that; instead it's a marvel, a film that carries huge

emotional as well as jump scares – and at this juncture, it's the best film of the year so far.

VERDICT: A tension-fuelled, heart-stopping film that does so much with its simple set-up. *A Quiet Place* is a powerful, chilling piece of work.

It carries incredible emotional weight amidst the jumps and scares, orchestrated superbly by John Krasinski and performed exceptionally by the cast.

The perfect meeting point of genuinely jumpy horror and intimate family portrayal, this is a genuinely exceptional film. *Essential viewing.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *10 Cloverfield Lane* (2016), *Jaws* (1975).

The Commander of the Wall comes to Porthcawl



Ser Aliser cuts the ribbon. (Left to right): Ben Wall, Owen Teale, Jon Wall and Nici Wall. (Photo by Tony John).



Shop manager Ben Wall with Owen Teale. (Photo by Tony John).

ONE of the area's most famous faces – Owen Teale – came to Porthcawl to open a new business recently.

The actor, now best known for his roles in *Game of Thrones* and *Stella*, came along to Station Hill, Porthcawl, to officially open Wall 2 Wall Wines.

Quite appropriate really, as his *GoT* character, Ser Alliser

Thorne, is the 'Commander of the Wall'.

The shop, supplying craft beers, wines and distinctive gins, has been opened by Porthcawl businessman Jon Wall.

It means that Mr Wall has a busy year ahead, as he has just started his year in office as the High Sheriff of Mid-Glamorgan. His wife Nici will be his Consort.

TEENAGER SUSTAINS SERIOUS INJURIES FOLLOWING M4 COLLISION

SOUTH Wales Police is appealing for witnesses to a serious road traffic collision, which occurred at 2.55pm on Sunday, April 8 on the Westbound carriageway of the M4 midway between junctions 34 Miskin and 35 Pencoed.

A force spokesperson said: "A white Toyota IQ2 motorcar left the carriageway to the roadside, collided with trees and overturned. A 15-year-old rear-seat female passenger has suffered serious head and internal injuries and is currently detained at the University Hospital of Wales Cardiff."

The spokesperson

added that an 18-year old male driver and 16-year-old female front-seat passenger sustained less serious injuries.

"Persons who have not yet passed their details to the Police who witnessed the collision or can provide information concerning the manner of driving of the Toyota motorcar prior to the collision are asked to contact 101 quoting 1800121555."

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GEM READERS' LETTERS EXTRA

'Sympathy for Jo's tough journey'

I READ with interest and sympathy the comments from Jo Cody in last week's GEM on Llantwit's pavements.

I wrote to The GEM on March 22, 2011 and April 2, 2011, when the Boverton road paving was being laid stating my concerns over the finish and durability of the work.

A reply came from town councillor Gwyn John who reassured readers that remedial work would be done.

I again wrote six months later on October 24, 2011, to praise the paving work on the Co-op to Toy store section that was then under way, comparing it to the state of Boverton Road.

The GEM ended last week with the comment the pavement was private land but from Cllr John's reply the town council must have had some input into approval of the Boverton road section at the time

of construction. The remedial work was never extensive or satisfactory. Graham Snowden, Llantwit Major IN response, Cllr Gwyn John explained that the relevant area is private land and not a responsibility of the Vale Council or town council:

"At that time in 2011, the work was approved by the project officer in charge of the Boverton Road scheme. The owners of the land accepted the final finish of the work when the land was handed back to them.

"It then became their responsibility for future maintenance and we are now seven years down the line and maintenance is needed.

"I would remind people that the car parking areas in front of the shops are also privately owned. Once again I would re-iterate that the area is not the responsibility of the Vale Council or the town council."

Make your views known on Llanrcarfan School proposals

AS Cllr Penrose makes clear in his response to the opposition in Llanrcarfan to the proposed school 'migration', there is a consultation process which ends on April 20.

It is through the consultation process that views should be expressed in the first instance and this can be done either online or by physically completing

the form which can be found on the Vale's website. Responses should concentrate on the educational aspect of the proposal.

I understand that there are mixed views in Rhose as well and therefore responses should not be limited to the residents of Llanrcarfan and the surrounding villages.

If you feel strongly on this issue do not fail to respond.

Gordon Kemp, Councillor Rhose Ward

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Table top sale

THERE will be a table top sale in Peterston-Super-Ely Church and Community Hall on Saturday, April 14 from 10am-12 noon, entry is free and everyone is welcome.

To book a table and further details contact Pat on 01446 760267, tables are £5.

This is in addition to the usual village market which is held on the second Saturday of every month from 10am-12noon, selling homemade cakes, preserves, produce, plants and a very extensive collection of books. Coffee and tea will be served.

All proceeds go towards the improvement and maintenance of the hall.

Local politicians say where they stand on school closure dispute

PARENTS and residents of Llanrcarfan have approached local AMs and their MP in a bid to enlist support for their campaign to stop the closure of Llanrcarfan Primary School.

The campaigning group is determined to reject the Vale Council's description, which refers to a 'migration' to a brand new, bigger school in Rhose.

The Vale Council is conducting a consultation on the proposal.

Vale MP Alun Cairns said that he had been approached by concerned parents of pupils at the school.

He said: "I have no doubt that parents and local residents will campaign strongly against the proposed closure of the school's site, which provides a great education for children in the rural Vale."

"I want to make sure that the village's and parents' views are heard in this consultation."

Vale AM Jane Hutt had this to say: "I was very pleased to meet with and support Llanrcarfan residents involved in the campaign to save the school. I was able to point to the Welsh Government's 'National Strategy for Small and Rural Schools' issued by the Cabinet Secretary Kirsty Williams AM, in November 2016.

"I have also received concerns from parents in other schools affected and will be raising my concerns about the Vale Council proposals directly with the Cabinet Secretary drawing particular attention to the risks associated with these proposals, as well as the strength of feeling against the closure of Llanrcarfan School in the heart of the village and the rural Vale."

South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies said that he had already met members of the action group.

He said he shared their concerns, having attended a nearby village school, and later served on its governing body.

He urged all residents to respond to the consultation - which closes on April 20 - and committed to work with all concerned to make sure the education of local children is put first and the school's future is not blighted by uncertainty.

Mr Davies said: "The closure of such a community asset could potentially blight the village's future as well as creating considerable uncertainty for the pupils' long term education prospects - something which cannot be allowed to happen."

"I look forward to working with the school, the action group and the Vale Council to provide answers and solutions to retaining the school in Llanrcarfan over the coming weeks and months."

A public meeting has been called for 10.30am on Saturday April 14, in the village hall in Llanrcarfan.

A spokesman for the Llanrcarfan residents told The GEM that their campaign would continue, and that they had several lines to pursue.

He said: "One aspect is just what would happen to the existing school. It is isn't a listed building but is a historic Victorian building that is described as a 'Treasure'."

"However, in planning terms, that is not sufficient protection to stop it being bulldozed to make way for a housing development."

Family's charity walk tribute in memory of Julie

Julie Langford at the top of Pen-y-Fan - today a charity walk takes place at Pen-y-Fan in her memory.

A CHARITY walk is taking place today, Thursday, April 12, in memory of a Barry mother of three, Julie Langford, who died of cancer last year.

Despite her diagnosis and undergoing treatment, Julie managed to climb Pen-y-Fan.

Her friend Ruth Burton, Julie's son Ashton (9), a pupil at Romilly Primary School, and family members will retrace Julie's footsteps up Pen-y-Fan.

Ashton is now Ruth's step-son. Julie's birthday would have been on



April 1 and Ruth explained: "I made a promise to Ashton and Julie that I would always be there for him and keep Julie's memory alive."

"That's how I got the

idea of Ashton and me walking up Pen-y-Fan. "It was one of her last achievements and it is around the time of her birthday. It is the perfect opportunity to help others in Julie's memory."

Ashton's father Lee is also paying tribute to Julie by helping with the Marie Curie garden in Penarth for a year.

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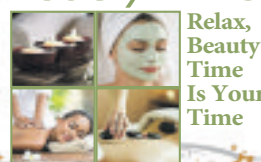
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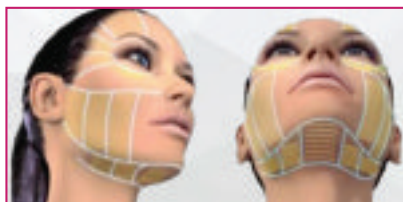
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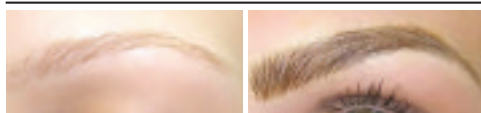
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Doha-Cardiff route will start on May 1

WHEN the inaugural Doha-Cardiff flight touches down on May 1, it will be a homecoming of a sort for the Airbus A350-900, or at least her wings.

Those with an interest in things aeronautical and industry will know that the wings – made primarily of carbon-fibre reinforced polymer – are manufactured at Airbus Broughton, in north Wales.

From May 1, Qatar Airways will be the first airline to offer daily flights between Doha and Cardiff, providing the Welsh capital with links to the rest of the world via Qatar Airways' extensive global route network.

The A350-900, of which Qatar Airways was the global launch customer, will mark the commencement of the new route, which will go on to be served by another latest-generation aircraft, the Boeing 787 Dreamliner.

Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, His Excellency Mr Akbar Al Baker said: "The launch of our new service to Cardiff is a major milestone for Qatar Airways."

"It makes sense that the inaugural flight that welcomes Qatar Airways to Wales is on the A350-900, the wings of which are built in Wales."

Deb Barber, Chief Executive Officer of Cardiff Airport, added: "On behalf of the team at Cardiff Airport, I am immensely proud that Qatar Airways has recognised the potential that exists within the region and chosen Cardiff Airport to operate a regular service to Doha from May 1.

The service opens up a world of connectivity for our customers in Wales and South West England to destinations across Australia, New Zealand, Africa, Asia and beyond.

"I am also very excited that Qatar Airways has chosen to mark the inaugural flight with the use of the A350-900."

"This is recognition of the aircraft's links with Wales and the engineering prowess that we have here, and we very much look forward to welcoming this stunning aircraft to Cardiff Airport as part of the huge celebration when the new route begins in just a few weeks' time."

A ramble across the beacons for Penarth walkers

A BRIGHT, sunny morning greeted the group of five walkers who joined Robin from Penarth and District Ramblers and his spaniel Pepper on a circular tour of four main peaks in the central Brecon Beacons.

Arriving at the Lower Neuadd reservoir car park, they were amazed to see so much snow covering the mountain tops.

Heading out across the

moorland to face their first climb, the once difficult and rocky path had been improved.

Arriving at the snow line and meeting two walkers who hailed from Australia, their long journey on the snowy ridge at Graig Fan Ddu brought them closer to Corn Du, with its stream of walkers clambering uphill from the Storey Arms and the A470.

By now, it was much colder and the snow was becoming deeper and despite the climb onto Corn Du (or the Black Horn) being fairly easy,

the descent into the valley was more difficult as the snow was very slippery. Some of the group decided to 'ski' down the slope on their rear ends.

A third climb up onto Pen y Fan brought them into the company of the many walkers intent on conquering the mountain which at a height of 886m, is the highest peak in south Wales.

After enjoying the views from its rocky cairn, it was time to think of the tricky steep descent into Cwm Sere.

Arriving at the valley bottom for lunch, their fourth climb afterwards led them up onto Cribyn, which was less populated. The slow descent through slushy snow brought them to Bwlch ar y Fan and the old drover's road.

A quick pause prior to the last climb, then a hard trek uphill through the snow onto the totally deserted Fan y Big where they made for the 'Diving Board,' a piece of rock that juts out over the dizzy heights of the valley below.

After warning the troops they would be leaving the main pathway, they made their way across the hillside at

Tor Glas, with its snow-covered tumpy grass and almost hidden small gullies.

At the end of the ridge, they made their final weary descent back to the start for the journey home after what had been a hard but enjoyable day.

On April 14, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an 11-mile moderate walk in waterfall country from Pontmeddfechan; contact Clive on 029 2065 4156.

On April 15, meet at 9am at Cogan for a 6.5-mile moderate walk taking in Llanfeigan, Pencelli and the Brecon canal; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

On April 18, the midweek walk leaves Cogan at 8am for a 14-mile moderate/hard walk taking in the Wye Valley and The Begwyns; contact William on 07528 701 952.

To follow the group, log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

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AM'S PRAISE FOR WALKING FESTIVAL



Jane Hutt AM and Marion Eynon at Valeways

ON a visit to Valeways last week, Vale AM Jane Hutt congratulated Marion Eynon, chair of the Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival, for organising such a splendid programme of walks for 2018 between May 15-20.

Jane Hutt said: "With themed trails on heritage, history, wildlife and archaeology, there is something for everyone in this festival which is celebrating, *The Year of the Sea*."

All walks are free and take place across the Vale, guided by trained leaders. The AM continued: "As a Friend of Valeways, I am particularly glad the Women's Trail is included in this centenary year of partial women's suffrage, with a walk in Barry which takes us to the homes and places of importance for many admirable women-including suffragettes. "I hope many people will join the enjoyable and inspiring Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival."

For further information, contact 01446 749000 www.valeofglamorganwalkingfestival.org.uk

AGM for NT

THE AGM of the Vale of Glamorgan National Trust Association will be held at 7pm on Wednesday, April 18 at The Duke of Wellington in Cowbridge, when the president, Sir Brooke Boothby, Bt, will be in the chair.

We are delighted that Linda Tomos, chair of the NT Advisory Board for Wales is joining us.

Our Spring weekend break to the Metropole Hotel & Spa, Llandrindod Wells will depart at 9.30am on Friday, April 20 from behind Cowbridge Town Hall.

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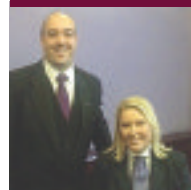
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Barbara will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry, to be received into St Helen's Roman Catholic Church, Barry on Thursday, 19th April at 4pm.

Requiem Mass on Friday, 20th April at 10am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Family flowers only, if desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Marie Curie Hospice Holme Tower, Bridgeman Road, Penarth.

RIMELL

Mavis Patricia

(formerly of 44 Castle Road, Rhose, near Barry, Vale of Glamorgan)

Mavis passed away peacefully on 17th March 2018; her interment and a short service will be held at Porthkerry Church on 18th April at 2pm.

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SAYCE

Kathleen Violet Ivy

Peacefully at her home in St Hilary, Ivy, in her 102nd year, much loved mum of Rae and the late Rosalind and sons-in-law Graham and Des. Loving nan to her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Ivy will be dearly missed by all her family.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonnmon, Funeral Thursday, 19th April, service and interment 12.30pm at St Hilary Church.

WILLIAMS

David Royston (Roy)

Peacefully at home on 29th March with Tommy and Coral at his bedside, Roy, well known and loved of Barry Island, sadly passed away. Devoted dad of Coral, cherished Bamp of Daniel and Ben. Much loved brother of Rita, and a loving partner of Tommy.

Roy will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at St John Methodist Church, Barry Island on Thursday, 19th April at 11.45am, followed by cremation at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service or via Roy's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk where you are also welcome to leave your personal messages and memories. All donations to support Ty Hafan Children Hospice in Wales.

NORRIS

Betty

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MAUND

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MAUND

Mary

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Mary

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EVANS

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She will be greatly missed by her loving family and friends.

Resting at W. A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service at Coychurch Crematorium on Thursday, 19th April at 3.15pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, for Dementia UK (cheques only please) c/o the funeral director.

BROWN

Ronald

Suddenly on 12th March 2018, Ron, retired Head of Art Department of Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

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Resting at Maesgwyn Funeral Home until the funeral on Monday, 16th April 2018, service at Coychurch Crematorium at 1.15pm. No flowers by request but donations in lieu to Parkinson's Society c/o Maesgwyn Funeral Home, Main Road, Church Village, Pontypridd, CF38 1PY. Tel: 01443 202058.

ANGLIM

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STEPHENS

Oliver

Peacefully on 8th April in the University Hospital of Miami, Florida.

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BUSH

Barbara Lilian

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Resting at Park Funeral Directors until the funeral service at 11am on Tuesday, 17th April at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium. By request, family flowers only, donations in lieu can be made to Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth.

SHARREM

Joan

The family of Joan would like to announce her peaceful passing on 3rd April at Broccastle Manor Nursing Home, aged 93 years. Much loved mother to Sandra and Lynne, mother-in-law to Bruce and Stuart. Loved nan to Joanne, Mark, Jenny and Elizabeth. Adored great grandmother to Emily, Sophie and Molly.

She will be greatly missed by her loving family and friends.

Resting at W. A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service at Coychurch Crematorium on Wednesday, 18th April at 11.30am.

The family wish to thank all at Broccastle for their kindness to Joan and the family.

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DEYES

Michael

Peacefully on 27th March at Velindre Hospital surrounded by his loving family, Michael, aged 33 years, sadly passed away. Cherished son of Andrew and Angela, loving brother of Christopher and much loved grandson of Gloria.

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Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2018/00307/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig: Remedial works to footbridge, including strengthening steel lattice parapets and the addition of a hand rail
Location:/Lleoliad: Cogan Station Approach Road, Cogan, Penarth
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2018/00349/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig: To provide a security lobby for school safeguarding preventing uncontrolled access or interaction from visitors. Changing the access points to the Head teachers office and Reception office by closing the existing openings and using the existing internal window openings to create new staff access. Replacing the existing doorway to the office with a lobby hatch while including a new internal security door for access control
Location:/Lleoliad: Rhws Junior and Infants School, Fontygary Road, Rhosce

Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II
Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2018/00352/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig: Replacing modern timber windows and doors with leaded light windows and doors that suit the time and style of the property
Location:/Lleoliad: Lon Twyn, Twynyn, Dinas Powys

Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II
Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2018/00361/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig: Proposed internal alterations to create new Office and Meeting Rooms
Location:/Lleoliad: Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry

Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II*

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2018/00084/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Two storey rear extension and new rooflights to front
Location:/Lleoliad: Forge Cottage, Llansannor
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Affecting The Cottage, Llansannor Court, Grade II and the Church of St. Senwyr, Grade I

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2018/00138/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Construction of a septic tank for the treatment/disposal of sewage waste from Barry Yacht Club and adjoining former Lifeboat Station
Location:/Lleoliad: Barry Yacht Club, Dock Road, Barry

Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Affecting Lifeboat house and the Lifeboat house slipway adjacent to West Breakwater, both Grade II*

Application(s) of General Interest / Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2018/00146/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: It is proposed to extend an existing manufacturing building within the Dow Performance Silicones site at Barry. The extension would comprise a new loading bay and open-plan steel-framed building to house new manufacturing equipment. The extension, in keeping with the existing adjacent buildings would be single storey
Location:/Lleoliad: Dow Corning Ltd., Cardiff Road, Barry

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2018/00289/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Renewal of Planning Permission ref. 2011/00680/FUL (Proposed single storey events complex on the site of existing poolhouse, with associated vehicle turning space and associated works. Also proposed is an additional car park area (approximately 64 spaces). Furthermore, existing unauthorised works such as the use of the ground floor of the farmhouse as a cafe/restaurant and the cookery school are included for their retention.)
Location:/Lleoliad: Llanerch Vineyard, Hensol

Departure from Development Plan/ Gwyrto o'r Cynllun Datblygu

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2018/00213/OUT
Proposal/Cynnig: Proposed residential development for 8 dwellings
Location:/Lleoliad: Field next to West Lodge, West Aberthaw

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Snow pictures from the Vale Photographic Club



MARCH was an exciting month for the Vale Photographic Club.

Whilst we had to cancel one meeting owing to snow, the winter scenery provided pleasing visual fodder for our members who could be seen trudging through drifts up to their waists in order to get that shot.

Images containing snow can be tricky, depending on your final image you will need to play about with the camera's exposure. With this in mind our intrepid explorers set out across the Vale.

It is fair to say that, while others may be cwtched

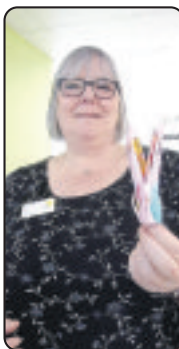
up in a warm room in front of a cosy fire, we photographers took the view that where there is snow there is a golden photographic opportunity and, braving frost bite, came up with some stunning results.

If you feel that your photographic skills could benefit from some advice and a helping hand (we all do), there will always be a VPC member willing to take that sometimes cold and wet journey with you.

Why not come along to the club, Friday evenings 7.30pm, Ystradowen Village Hall and meet us. Find our website at www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk

Bridget Craddock

EASTER AT MARIE CURIE



Deputy ward sister
Gill Davies with a
bunny napkin.



Michelle and Ann with nurses Susan and Janet.

THE activities at the Marie Curie – Cardiff and the Vale Hospice, organised by deputy ward sister Gill Davies, helped in-patients mark Easter Sunday.

The Rev Mark Jones, of the Parish of Penarth and Llandough, attended and held a short service and communion in the day therapy unit, which was followed by an afternoon tea made by the

hospice's kitchen staff.

Nurses also attended with patients and their families, and helped distribute tea and food.

Sister Davies said: "We try all year round to make sure patients and their families are included in festivities and celebrations, including big sporting events like the Six Nations."

"We are grateful to Rev Mark for performing the service for our patients, and to our kitchen and

ward staff for all their help and support for the event."

The event followed on from a Christmas tea party which was held at the hospice in December, together with an Advent calendar raffle held throughout December.

The hospice provides round-the-clock care and support to people living with a terminal illness, and their families.

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News from 1st Penmark and Porthkerry Scouts

THE 1st Penmark with Porthkerry Scout Group are always busy with activities for the young people in each section, and the last couple of months have been no exception.

Beavers have been out and about to Techniquet and made fizz to blow up a balloon, they have also spent an evening at Rhosce Community Library.

They have played lots of games, including having a broom stick race, learned about the Beaver Code of Conduct and discussed as a group

what activities they would like to do in the future. They also got dirty making bird feeders.

Cubs have been learning about Scouting and Baden Powell, have done a Promise relay and looked at the Code of Conduct.

They have caught the train into Cardiff and visited The Firing Line at Cardiff Castle, followed by lunch at Burger King and then a sleepover at the hut with pizzas from Mo's.

Scouts have been taking part in the postal shoot competition and have had an evening tasting food from around the world during their

international food evening – from paella to French bread to Japanese green tea.

They have taken part in a night hike along the coastal path to Porthkerry and back along the road, have done some bridge building, practised circus skills and undertaken a 'Pringles challenge' to build a structure from Pringles, and then, of course, in true Scouting style, to devour them.

With the warmer evenings and lighter nights some activities will now start to take place outside the hut.

However, the hut remains an excellent asset for the group but it

always needs a bit of maintenance, tidying and upkeep and to that end, the group has a number of workdays throughout the year.

The first one of this year is May 12. If you can lend a hand for 10 minutes or a couple of hours, the group would love to see you at Penkerry anytime from 10.30am. This is followed by the group's AGM from 6.30pm and then a barbecue.

If you would like to know anything about the group, please contact the group scout leader on gsl@penmarkscouts.org.uk.

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RAY WILL BE MISSED, AND NOT JUST BY TOP NAMES IN FOOTBALL



Ray Wilkins hosted a coaching session six years ago in Barry. IMAGES by ANDY WICKS

by **TIM CHAPMAN**
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LAST week the world of football was in mourning following the death of former Chelsea, Manchester United, Rangers and AC Milan player Ray Wilkins at the age of 61.

After playing at the top level for two decades, when Ray retired he was keen to pass on his knowledge to youngsters.

Six years ago Ray, who won 84 England caps, spent a day in Barry holding a coaching clinic for aspiring young footballers.

GEM photographer Andy Wicks was able to have a brief chat with him before he began the coaching session.

"He was a really friendly guy. So easy to talk to - a totally engaging person. The kids were on another planet with him being there."

Vale councillor Gwyn John, who has provided great service to local football, said: "Ray Wilkins was a great guy. I met him at the Barry Town dinner in 2013 and he chatted as if I had known him all my life."

"He did a question and answer session with Gavin Chesterfield - it was a great night out."

"If everyone was as polite and friendly as Ray Wilkins the image of the game would improve. He was a good man and a great ambassador for football."

The day after Ray Wilkins died, an Armed Forces veteran from Cardiff phoned up the radio station talkSPORT to recall how a chance meeting with him had

changed his life.

At the time the veteran was homeless and sitting outside Brompton Station.

He said: "He came over to me and I recognised him straight away and he just took some time to sit and chat."

"We were both sat on my bit of cardboard together and we were chatting about the army."

"I was a gambler at the time...but he took the time and he even took a phone call and said: 'Look I'll call you back, I'm busy at the moment'."

"We were sat chatting and he gave me £20 and told me to get myself a hot meal and then took me across the road to buy me a coffee, and as the bill came, I asked him 'Can I buy this? I want to feel like a man' and he said he totally understood all of that."

"That night I took that £20 and I got some shelter and I had a hot meal."

"When I was in the shelter, I met a guy who was helping ex-soldiers and he put me in touch with decent people who would help me."

"I am now fully recovered and not gambling. I have my own place, a beautiful girlfriend I am about to marry."

"I put it down to the time Ray took to give to a man that was nothing to him, a stranger."

The man added: "He was a real hero to me."

Ray Wilkins never knew the difference his kind act made to that veteran, but perhaps it illustrates that what is 'unseen' in life is often more important than what is seen.



The youngsters were thrilled to meet Ray.

Barry chess players in championship action

WITHIN chess most of our matches are team events where it is not just your own results matter but also the results of your other team members.

There are however a number of congresses and championships where you are competing on your own - the Welsh Championships is just such an event.

Six different players from the Barry Chess Club entered this four-day event held over the Easter weekend.

Lee Davis and Nigel Ralphs entered the main event. In the Major our

entrants were Sam Jukes, Ken Hannah, Sam White and Peter Watkins.

The most common result for our players were draws. There were a few victories and a few defeats but substantially more of our games were drawn.

In the main event Nigel had the best result of all our players in round one with a draw against FM Sven Zeidler. With other commitments Nigel could only play in four of the seven rounds so was never going to be in with a chance of winning the tournament.

Lee was ranked 17th and finished in 18th

Sully Bowls Club open day this weekend

SULLY Sports Bowls Club, mens and ladies' sections, launch their 2018 season with an open day on Saturday, April 14 at 2pm at the Sully clubhouse/green, Sully Sports Ground, South Road, Sully.

Men's captain John Kirk, and ladies' captain Mary Dare, extend a warm welcome to all members - past, current and new.

Don't worry if you are a novice, or have never bowled, free coaching is available to all newcomers.

The men practice, and hold team selection, on a Monday evening, and their main fixtures include the Private Greens League, and Carruthers Cup on Saturday afternoons, and the Munro Cup on Wednesday evenings.

The ladies have their practice/coaching sessions on Tuesday evenings, and play in the women's Evening League.

Anyone wishing to join can turn up at the club on the afternoon of April 14, or contact Peter Holland (men's secretary) on 01446 622490, or Mary Dare (ladies captain) on 01446 732994.

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Barry Town United can seal play-off spot this weekend

AFTER a weekend washout in north Wales, Barry Town United can finally secure their spot in the JD Welsh Premier League's European play-offs this Sunday afternoon - and they can do it on home turf, as Gavin Chesterfield's men welcome their nearest rivals Newtown to Jenner Park (3.30pm kick-off).

A draw or better at Prestatyn on Saturday would have put Barry's points tally beyond the Robins' reach, yet the late postponement at Bastion Gardens means all remains to play for this weekend.

With the Sgorio cameras in town once again, manager Chesterfield is expected to have a full squad of players to choose from, with leading goalscorer Kayne McLaggon poised to return, after the hometown forward missed several games and the recent Wales vs England C international through injury.

McLaggon was part of the Barry party that made the long trip to Prestatyn Town, only to find the

surface at Bastion Gardens unplayable, with the official calling the game off around 1.30pm on Saturday, as travelling supporters were arriving.

With the plagued fixture having already been nixed twice this season, Prestatyn and Barry will have to try once again on Tuesday, April 24 (7.45pm kick-off), three days after the Jenner Park outfit are at Llandudno.

With a Friday night finale against Carmarthen Town to wrap up the regular season, the challenge of three JD Welsh Premier League fixtures in less than a week could be a particularly demanding one.

However, a point or more against the Robins this Sunday would ensure Barry's qualification for the play-offs, providing Chesterfield with the option of giving his less-experienced players some game time, across the closing week.

Admission for Sunday's JD Welsh Premier League Play-Off Conference clash between Barry Town United and Newtown is £7 (adults), £5 (senior citizens/students) and £3 (children) at the turnstiles.

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Hardy souls tackle Vale Coastal Ultra



Visit glamorgan-gem.co.uk for more photos from the race.

THE Vale Of Glamorgan Coastal Ultra challenge took place on Saturday, April 7, a 32-mile linear route along the Vale coast.

There was also a short course option of 18.5 miles taking in the second half of the route, and as these pictures from Guy Butler-Madden show, it wasn't an event for the faint of heart.



Seaview Lads Angling Club

ON a cool but dry Sunday morning, 14 intrepid anglers entered the latest leg of the doubles competition.

Given that each angler would fish with two rods over eight hours, expectations of a bumper catch were high. Anglers had a choice of where to fish, but most followed the illustrious chairman, Steve Double and Al Peterson who opted to stay on Sully Island.

The fish opted to stay away and faced with another fishless weigh in, Al hatched a plan. Calling upon a lifetime of local knowledge and secrets passed to him by the late Bert, Alan convinced Steve to cast

his baits into rocky 10lb grounds.

Three casts and three eels later, Al had been proven right and his protege, Steve, had a winning weight of over

Only one other angler weighed in, leaving the hapless dozen with nothing to show for their efforts.

Competition heats up at Brynhill

WITH all the third round scores in, it's still a tight competition at Brynhill Golf Club in the Barry & District News competition.

High handicappers Incledon and Searle still lead the field after improving three shots to 51.

They're closely followed by Hewlett and Griffiths who are well placed for the final round, tucked in just one behind on 53, with four pairs sat one further back on 54s including outsiders Tinnuchie and Cook who, along with the Weaver/Underdown partnership, continue to defy the form book.

It's all set for a big finish on Sunday.

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Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club news

THE latest results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for April 9 are as follows:

First, Phil Felman and Tony Disley, 66.67 per cent; second, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage, 63.54 per cent; third, Simon Gottschalk and Helen Houston, 60.42 per cent.

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On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

The feature race at the Ystrad Taf Fechan Point-To-Point Club Steeplechases at Ystradowen last Saturday (April 7) was the John Lovell Memorial Mens Open Race over three miles and six furlongs.

However, to the disappointment of the sparse crowd only one horse - or in this case a mare - was declared to run and this was David Gibbs and Glen Fortt's *Frelia* which gave Bradley Gibbs a career second walk-over.

The first, he said, had been on *Ben's Folly* over the same course three or four seasons earlier.

John Lovell, who died in a motoring accident 10 years to the day of the races, was a great supporter of point-to-point racing and back in 1995 had started a betting revolution when introducing a computerised betting system to Britain's racecourses.

Bradley, who is making a bold bid for the national riders' championship, also took the opening Robert Evans Memorial Ystrad Taf Fechan Members Conditions Race, which was a match between the 10-year-old *Benemede*, partnered by Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft, and Bradley's father's seven-year-old bay gelding *Captain Kennit* who, after leading on the first circuit, was caught three fences from home. However, by the time the last fence had been reached, *Captain Kennit* was back on terms and both horses jumped it together.

In an exciting dash to the winning line, *Captain Kennit* got there first and had half-a-length to spare over the odds-on favourite.

Just four of the 16 entries faced the starter for the Restricted and Pembroke's Jodie Hughes, who is riding better than ever, on the five-year-old bay gelding *Boethius* beat the pacemaking odds-on favourite *Charlie Breckie* (Bradley Gibbs) by one and three quarter lengths after they had jumped the last together - "He flew the last two fences," said a delighted Jodie who had won on the Sherree Lee-trained ex-Tim Vaughan *Boethius* at the earlier Glamorgan fixture.

On that occasion *Boethius* had won in a time some 17 seconds faster!

Robert Jones's seven-year-old bay mare Ann Scott, given a cracking ride by Jodie Hughes, gave Pyle trainer Sherrie Lean her first double when landing the Intermediate race race by three lengths from the odds-on *Nuevo Molino* (Bradley Gibbs) after being two lengths down at the last.

Mr Jones, who lives in Porthcawl, was full of praise for local horse chiropractor Rachel Shilliber who he said had worked wonders to ease the mare's back problem.

Llancarfan's Isabel Williams, aged 20, did well to survive a second last fence blunder on the odds-on *Aerlite Supreme* in the three-horse ladies' open race.

However, Anna Lewis on her 10-year-old chestnut gelding *Tiger Rag*, took full advantage of *Aerlite Supreme*'s mistake to lead going into the final obstacle, only to take a tumble leaving *Aerlite Supreme* to finish alone.

Aerlite Supreme, a winner at the earlier Glamorgan meeting in a much faster time, is owned by Isabel's father, leading Welsh trainer Evan Williams, who was heard to say, after being asked by a racegoer "Would *Aerlite Supreme* had won anyway?", diplomatically and kindly replied: "Well the rider on *Tiger Rag* was unfortunate."

The most impressive winner of the day was Mr JT Phillips' six-year-old French-bred bay gelding *Kovera* who, partnered by Charlie Price, and who rides out for Tim Vaughan, made all to win the Young Horse Maiden by 12 lengths from *Sweet Lady* with the favourite *Persistent Princess* a further six lengths back in third place.

Results from Dinas Powys Golf Club ladies section

ON March 13 a nine hole medal was held:

1st Lisa Ryley 44 - 7.5 = 36.5 nett; 2nd Sian Smith 47 - 10 = 37 nett;

joint 3rd, Sam Saunders 52 - 14 = 38 nett and Ruth Yates 50 - 12 = 38.

On March 27 an 18 hole Hi-Lo Stableford: 1st Sue Bridle and Rhian Thomas 57 points; 2nd Ann Mahenthiralingam and Sam Saunders (56).

On March 25, the Ping qualifier was held with excellent results: 1st Annie Blackburn and Dale Sullivan 45 points,

2nd Sian Smith and Luke Davidson (39), 3rd Ian and Lisa Ryley (35) on back 9 from Steve and Ruth Yates.

A winter eclectic was played from January to March: 1st Sam Saunders 39 - 7 = 32 nett; 2nd Lisa Ryley 37 - 3.75 = 33.25 nett; 3rd Sian Smith and Maxine Hird 39 - 5 = 34.

The ladies section would also like to welcome Matt Coombs, the new professional, to the golf club and wish him every success.

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A former inmate of Tim Vaughan's yard, *Kovera* gave his 20 year-old rider his third winning point-to-point ride. Charlie has also ridden 16 Arab horse racing winners and several more winners in New Zealand.

It is interesting to note that all seven entries for this race went to post.

The 10-year-old chestnut gelding *TheBoss On TheHill* gave owner Steve Hughes and trainer Claire Healey, both from Pontypriid, their first winner when landing the Open Maiden Race by three lengths from the favourite *Free Scorpion* (Byron Moorcroft), who looked like winning but for almost unseating her rider at the last fence.

The winning rider, Craig Dowson, aged 30, who works for Gwent trainer Robert Stephens, was chalking-up his third point-to-point win and he has also partnered a winner under Rules.

EDWARD'S EASY WINNER

Edward Vaughan, the 10-year-old son of Aberthin's Tim and Abbi Vaughan, chalked-up another win at the Bampton Bryan Point-To-Point Steeplechases last Saturday.

Edward, a pupil at Y Bont Faen Primary School, easily won the 138cms pony race on his *Little Replacement* and to date has ridden around 18 winners.

Lily Llewellyn, aged 15, won the 148cms race on her aptly named *Class Act*.

Congratulations must also go to Edward's father, Tim, who recently trained his 700th winner and who can now claim to have saddled a winner at every racecourse in the country.

He must surely be the only trainer in Wales to have achieved this feat and while most of his winners have been over the sticks, he has trained a number of Flat race winners.

FLINT STRIKES AGAIN

Vale trainer John Flint landed the Handicap Hurdle race at Uttoxeter on Saturday with his 10-year-old *Kayf Moss*, which came home five lengths ahead of *Frankly Speaking* and at odds of 10-1.

Kayf Moss was ridden by Jamie Moore.

The opening Conditionals' Handicap Hurdle race was won by Llancarfan's Evan Williams' seven-year-old *Radical Archie* which had three-and-a-half lengths to spare over *Jaunty Thor* at the finish.

Radical Archie, who had been pulled-up on his previous two occasions, was ridden by Conor Ring and was a 14-1 chance.

ANOTHER WINNER FOR ISABEL

Twenty-four hours or so after riding her father Evan Williams' *Aerlite Supreme* to victory at the Ystrad Taf Fechan Point-To-Point Steeplechases on Saturday, Llancarfan's Isabel Williams landed the Electrotec Novices' Handicap Hurdle on 8-1 chance *HoldBackTheRiver* at Exeter.

HoldBackTheRiver was the second leg of a double for Evan who had earlier won the opening novices' selling hurdle with the long odds-on favourite *Under The Woods*, partnered by Connor Ring.

Welsh rider Lorcan Williams (no relation) easily won the open hunters' chase on Chloe Roddick's *Salubrious*, a 4-1 chance who was running for the first time in 752 days.

Bowls club open this weekend

LLANTWITMAJOR Bowls Club will be opening for the season this Saturday, April 14, at 2pm.

We are adjacent to the rugby club car park and are always looking for new players to join us.

We run two men's teams and a ladies team, social bowling on a Monday afternoon with matches and competitions throughout the season.

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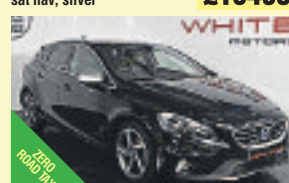
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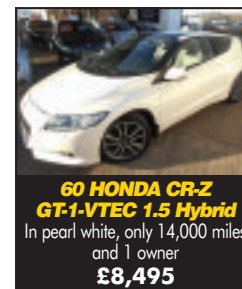
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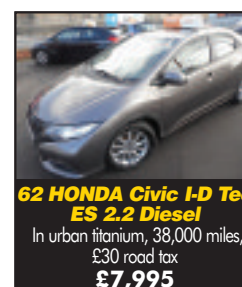
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Penarth under-16s impress at tournoi!

PENARTH RFC under-16s and supporters recently went on tour to Quimper in Brittany for the 15th Tournoi International De Cornouaille.

Penarth were in a pool of six teams which included a very strong Vannes team with 85 under-16s players to choose from.

A spokesperson reports: "Our first game was against Centre 29, a team from Brittany. With games only 12 minutes one way it was important that we started strongly. Aled Rees and Adam Nilsen scored the tries and the game ended with

a 14-0 victory to Penarth. "Next up was a Belgium national select team who looked physically strong and athletic. Another good performance from the boys saw them win 14-3, and game three was against last year's tournament winners Vannes RC, a professional club in France with a strong junior set up.

"We were told by our host the night before that we would not beat Vannes, but against quality opponents we came away as winners 21-7.

"Plouzane, another team from Brittany were up next. After the last victory confidence was high and the finished 24-

0 to Penarth. Our final game on the Saturday was against Neuilly, based in Paris, and from the start it was obvious they were a good team and for the first time in this tournament we found ourselves down 7-0.

"However, a try from Rhys Gentles under the posts converted by Drew Musa followed by Matt Wiltshire running with real purpose and determination, thoroughly deserving his try, meant the game ended 12-7 and Penarth were pool winners.

"On the Sunday our first opponents were Virginia RFC from Ireland who were staying in the same hotel as us and had already bonded with the boys. At half-time we were up 26-0 and the second half continued in the same fashion with three tries scored by Mason Grady to give us a convincing 46-0 win.

"Our last pool game was against Penarth an academy club based in Brittany with over 80 under-16 players on their books to choose from (at this point we had 16 fit players).

"From the off it was

obvious that they had done their homework on us and it was a messy game, marred by unusual decisions, most notably a controversial last couple of minutes which was ended by the touchline judge who made the call to finish the game after one of the Rennes players got a head injury.

"Despite the absolute heartache the boys held their heads up high and applauded their opponents on their win.

"In the third and fourth-place play off we won 22-3, and a consolation was that our scrum-half, Aled Rees, was voted the best scrum-half of the tournament, a decision made by all the other coaches.

"Rhys Newman, who played every game in the tournament despite suffering from travel sickness, James Steele, for continuing after a dangerous tackle, Max Blakeley and Will Hardy, who picked up injuries just before the tour and cruelly had to sit and watch from the touchline, also deserve praise.

"Over the two days Penarth won seven of

their eight games, scored 25 tries and only conceded two. Apart from their performance on the pitch, the boys were superb in every aspect of the tour and a credit to themselves and the club they represented.

Many thanks to Ruth Wiltshire and Sian Ropaigalach for spearheading the fundraising efforts and everyone else who helped us achieve our fundraising targets - SCP Electricals, The Highwayman, Thompsons Butchers, Vale Garage Services, The Clay Pit Restaurant, David Baker and Boys to Men, it was very much appreciated.

A big thank you to coaches Jason Allen, Nigel Boucher and Phil Musa for their unwavering support and hard work over the last 10 years and they can hand these boys over to youth rugby next season safe in the knowledge that the foundations have been put in place for this very exciting group of players.

JA

GRADING SUCCESS FOR YMCA BARRY FEMALE GYMNASTS



Taya, Zaya, Lacey, Azaria, Lottie, Nia, Shyla, Katie J, Katie W - Grade 6.



Ruby, Seren, Emmy, Casey, Rosie, Stacie, Melissa, Sophie - Grade 5.



Millie Williams, Welsh Compulsory 4 champion.



Lacey and Roxy Grade 4.

YMCA Barry Gymnastics Club have had a lot of celebrate in recent months with two gymnasts being selected for the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Further to this, YMCA Barry have had 20 gymnasts recently complete their annual grading with huge success. Firstly, in the youngest category, nine eight year old gymnasts completed their Grade 6 in the South Central Wales Grading Championships.

Zaya Niscoveanu, Lacey Jones, Taya Anderson, Katie Wong, Katie Jones, Shyla Mae Brown, Nia Beasley, Lottie Cummins and Azaria Karim all passed their grade with flying colours with fantastically six YMCA Barry gymnasts coming in the top 10 in South Central.

Zaya in 10th, Lacey in ninth, Katie Wong eighth, Nia in fourth, Azaria third as well as becoming the Vault champion and Lottie in second as well as becoming the Range and Conditioning champion.

Nia, Azaria and Lottie, because of their fantastic results, will be representing South Central Wales in the Grade 6 Welsh Championships later this month.

In the Grade 5 category for nine-year-olds, Ruby Clark, Melissa Cookson, Rosie Bishop, Emmy Saddle and Casey Moores demonstrated their excellent skill and again all passed their grade successfully.

In addition, a special mention to Casey who was ninth overall, Rosie sixth and Emmy third overall.

Rosie and Emmy will also be representing South Central Wales at the Welsh Finals.

Furthermore, YMCA Barry had three gymnasts completing their Grade 5 at 10-years-old - Sophie Notton, Stacie Leigh White and Seren Doel. Within this category Seren claimed seventh, Stacie third and Sophie

became the Bars, Range and Conditioning champion as well as becoming the Grade 5 out-of-age South Central Wales champion.

Finally, in the out-of-age Grade 4 category, Roxy Frost and Lacey Williams performed beautifully, with Roxy gaining fourth overall and Lacey becoming the Vault, Floor and Overall out-of-age Grade 4 South Central Grade champion.

YMCA Barry also had Millie Williams competing in the Elite Grade 4 Welsh Championships.

This competition is for nine-year-olds and it the most difficult level of competition for that age group.

The programme is extremely demanding for such young gymnasts and is designed to provide the gymnasts with the foundation to progress to elite gymnastics as they become older.

Millie had an absolutely tremendous competition with the following apparatus results: third on Vault, third on Bars, first on Beam, first on Floor and third on Range & Conditioning.

This results in Millie becoming the Welsh Compulsory 4 Elite Grade champion. Millie will be representing Wales at the upcoming British Championships up against the best nine-year-olds in Great Britain, an absolutely fantastic achievement for Millie and the club.

With all 20 gymnasts passing their grades confidently, Nia, Lottie, Azaria, Rosie, Emmy and Millie will now be working hard in the gym to prepare for all of their finals in April and May.

Are you interested in gymnastics for yourself or your child? YMCA Barry has a range of classes for boys and girls from Gymbabies, recreational classes for all ages, cheerleading, adult gymnastics as well as elite gymnastics for males and females.

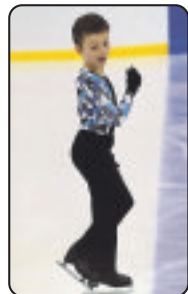
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Young skaters aiming for glory



Mollie Mai.



Taliesin.

MOLLIE MAI (12) and Taliesin (10) are both members of the Cardiff National Ice Skating Club at Ice Arena Wales.

They are both aiming to reach the British Ice Dance Championships this season in their respective solo categories.

In order for this to happen, and have a good chance of qualifying, they both need to pass national tests to achieve a standard and will need to compete in two inter-club competitions, aiming to get scores that will put them in the top 24 skaters at their level.

Both children are coached by Tracey Keeble, who has coached Mollie for 18 months and Taliesin for five years.

Mollie Mai competed at Lee Valley earlier in the year in her first-ever dance competition, at level 3, and claimed her level 4 pattern dance.

She needs to qualify in one more competition, and if she is successful she will compete in the British Championships later in the year.

Taliesin is competing in Deeside in May and is hoping to score enough points to qualify in both pattern dance and free dance so he can compete in the British Championships.

Mollie Mai is a year 7 pupil at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg and Taliesin is in year 5 of Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc.

Last November, they, along with a group of others, were invited to skate as a group to open Winter Wonderland in Cardiff and Swansea and at Cardiff they were both interviewed live on s4c by the Heno programme.

Both skaters are very talented and dedicated youngsters and they are looking for sponsorship to give them the best opportunity to get them to the British Championships.

Mollie Mai's mother would like to thank the generosity of a complete stranger who donated £90 so she can compete in the next competition.

For more information please email helengermon@hotmail.co.uk or am-s@sky.com.

HG

Another winner for Isabel

LLANCARFAN'S Isabel Williams, aged 20, chalked-up her fifth winner between-the-flags when landing the ladies' open race at the rainsoaked South Pembrokeshire Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Lydstep on Easter Monday.

Riding her grandmother Mary Evans' 10-year-old Hold

Court she beat the oddly-named Hospital, partnered by Ellen Nicholls, after holding up the ex-National Hunt performer until three fences from home. Isabel has also ridden five winners under Rules.

Another rider from the Vale to ride a winner at this meeting was Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft, who, riding the seven-year-old bay gelding *Mason Dixon*, just managed to hold off Ben Jones's mount *Chasing Casey* in the

restricted open race.

Mason Dixon, who is qualified with the Glamorgan Hunt, is trained by Pontypridd's Kieron Price.

Bradley Gibbs, who is making a bold bid for the national riders' championship, rode a four-timer.

He took the hunt members' race on Way Wild West, the open maiden event on *Court In Flight*, the intermediate race on *The Girl From Milan* and the men's open on *Moral Hazard*.

However, the most popular winner of the day came in the aged open maiden race when Carmarthenshire Hunt enthusiast Bobby Thomas had a much-deserved and long-overdue first win on *Padre Tito*.

This horse has narrowly missed victory on several occasions and owned by Bobby, his mother and an uncle, *Padre Tito* has been hunted regularly with the Carmarthen, and both he and Bobby represent the traditional grass roots of point-to-pointing.

BRIAN LEE

Barrivale Bridge Club results

RESULTS for Barrivale Bridge Club on March 27:

1. Celia & Huw Thomas 65.10%, 2. Peter Millar & Mark Roderick 60.94%, 3. Reg Dyer & Ken Hannah 57.81%.

The handicap winners were Celia and Huw Thomas.

As always, new members are welcome at the club and a partner may be arranged, if required.

If you would like to join us please ring 01446 418380, 01446 733425 or 01446 735592, or call

at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday evening.

Alternatively, players inexperienced or new may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address, where lessons and play take place in a relaxed atmosphere.

While our current class for beginners continue to run on Friday mornings new members wishing to start the class will be able to join the next beginner's class commencing in September 2018.

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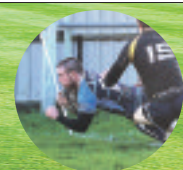
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Cowbridge RFC show character to fight back and claim vital win



Ross Gibbons wins a lineout.



Hwyel Williams gets the ball moving.

COWBRIDGE RFC travelled to Ynysowen last Saturday, and with Treberbert's and Tylorstown's games postponed this was a great opportunity to move to the top of the league.

Despite heavy rain overnight the pitch was in remarkably good condition. Cowbridge showed their intent from the kick off, and with the front row of Dani John, Craig Boxall and Jon Bater dominant from the start, they attacked at every opportunity.

Breaks by flanker Dan Holder and scrum half Hwyel Williams drove Cowbridge into the home side's 22 and they kicked a penalty into touch 10 metres out.

Despite the ball not going straight at the lineout a great scrum resulted in another penalty and this time full

back Ben Wright opted for the three points.

A painful injury to centre Ash Tomas saw Tom Harrison move from wing to centre and Zac Summerhayes come on the wing.

Mistakes from both sides began to creep into the game but it was Wright who kicked his second penalty after 25 minutes to give Cowbridge a 0-6 lead.

Ynysowen started showing some resolve and with the big pack gaining the upper hand and their clever outside half starting to control the game, it was no surprise when they soon scored a converted try, followed quickly by a penalty.

Cowbridge began to settle down again but a promising break by outside-half Tom James, taken on by Bater, broke down and from the ensuing scrum a break and kick ahead by the

Ynysowen scrum half resulted in another penalty and this time full

resulted in a second converted try.

Cowbridge's woes were compounded by a yellow card just before half-time but with seconds to go a Will Williams break resulted in a penalty on the 22 which Wright calmly converted for a half-time score of Ynysowen 17, Cowbridge 9.

If there was ever a time for Cowbridge to show their fighting spirit, this was it.

From the kick off Cowbridge attacked with a series of rucks and drives by captain Richie Howson, Jack Anderson and Joe Davies took them to within 10 metres, resulting in a penalty and an Ynysowen yellow card.

Cowbridge opted for the scrum and after two further penalties and scrums, the ball went along the backs but the attack broke down.

As the pack started to dominate, with second row Ross Gibbons supplying excellent line-out ball, it was from a line-out that James and Gibbon took the ball into the 22 and a incisive break by centre Alex Guard released Summerhayes who sliced through the defence to score a fine try with Wright adding the extras, making the scoreline 17-16.

Cowbridge were now playing with fire and conviction. Sam Richards replaced the outstanding Jack Anderson and Adam Dix

came on for Tom James as Cowbridge kept driving for the line.

With time running out Rhys Price and Fraser McGhan replaced Craig Boxall and Zac Summerhayes as Cowbridge looked for the winning score.

As full time loomed, another line-out take by Gibbo, a kick through by Alex Guard and good work by Adam Dix resulted in a Cowbridge penalty 30 metres out, calmly stroked over by Ben Wright to put Cowbridge in the lead.

In the last few minutes Cowbridge did their best to increase the lead but with a minute to go Ynysowen kicked a penalty to touch, knocked on from the lineout and that was it, the final score Ynysowen 17, Cowbridge 19.

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's Zac Summerhayes, flying through the air to score a pivotal try for Cowbridge as they bid to maintain their promotion hopes.

Tennis club is warming up for summer season

LIGHTER nights and warmer weather to tennis players means the start of the tennis summer leagues.

The growth and success of the club means 10 teams will represent Cowbridge Tennis Club this summer. We believe this is more than at any time in the club's history.

A new ladies thirds team has been entered and we have doubled the number of junior teams with an under-16 boys and under-14 girls added to the under-12 boys and under-12 girls from last year.

The under-14 girls kick off the season with a home match this Sunday, April 15, against Chepstow - good luck to Lily Buick and Ella Davies.

Good luck also to our senior team captains for this year - Anthony James, Henry Mehta, Rhys Williams, Kirsty Wallace, Sian Roberts and Claire Davies.

They will be respectively leading our mens A team in Premier League 3, mens B in Division 3, mens C in Division 6, ladies A in Division 2, ladies B in Division 4 and our ladies C in a new two-pair league format.

The summer season also sees a number of regular events returning with French Open and Wimbledon tournaments and the popular LTA sponsored Tennis for Kids.

The club endeavours to keep its family focus, demonstrated by our

summer events programme kicking off this Saturday, April 14, for the Quorn Family Cup from 4pm.

This event forms part of the popular weekly 4pm Saturday sessions, for children aged four to 16 - this session is free to junior members and small charge for non-members.

A new event this year gives us an opportunity to portray the benefits of tennis to the general public with a club open day on Monday, May 7 from 11am to 3pm.

Feel free to come along and test your service speed against an LTA speed gun or enjoy the free raffle for prizes, free coaching, try to beat the coach, witness an exhibition match, test your own tennis skills on court, the obligatory strawberries and cream, a bit of bubbly, BBQ and the Wimbledon ticket ballot at 3pm.

The club has a thriving membership and there are opportunities for all to play most nights, Saturday afternoons and ladies mornings so you can play where you feel most comfortable.

We are a friendly family club and are always welcoming to new members.

More detailed information is available on our website clubspark.lta.org.uk/CowbridgeTennisClub or please call our coach Ian Duggan on 07919 816609.

DB

Third time lucky for Blues Cup quarter final this weekend!

THIS Sunday, April 15, sees the much-postponed Blues Cup quarter-final taking place at Cowbridge RFC, as the under-12s face off against a very strong Builth Wells RFC under-12s with a 12 noon kick-off.

Our boys have played a fantastic brand of rugby all season, beating some very talented teams along the way to this quarter-final, and they would really appreciate the support of as many locals as possible for what is their biggest game of their short

careers. So far the snow has ensured the game has been postponed twice so fingers crossed it will be third time lucky and hopefully the sun will shine so everyone can enjoy an exciting match between two evenly matched teams.

Please try and make the effort to come along and watch the future stars of Welsh rugby doing their best to reach the last four of the prestigious Blues Cup.

We look forward to providing a warm welcome to everyone, including our friends from Builth Wells.

RP

Bowls club open this weekend

L L A N T W I T MAJOR Bowls Club will be opening for the season this Saturday, April 14, at 2pm.

We are adjacent to the rugby club car park and are always looking for

new players to join us. We run two men's teams and a ladies team, social bowling on a Monday afternoon with matches and competitions throughout the season. We are looking forward to an exciting season this year with new polo shirts for the teams sponsored by Harris Pye,

and we hope to start building a new changing room with disabled facilities in September with the aid of a grant. Please come along and see what we have to offer and have a go. Further details can be found on our website <http://www.lmhc.wales>.

GT

Open weekend at Cowbridge Bowling Club has been in existence for over 20 years.

We have an all-weather green, and the club is situated in the heart of Cowbridge. At the present time we run three men's teams, three ladies' teams, run internal competitions and provide opportunities for social bowling among our members.

On Saturday, April 14 and Sunday April 15 from 11am - 4pm we are holding an open weekend. Coaching will be available and there will also be opportunities to meet members. Please come along and try out bowls: all you need is a pair of flat shoes, and we will provide the rest.

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